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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

My name is Sandra Moyer and I have been a residence of Pa. all my life. I have also been involved with dogs for over thirty years as a pet groomer,trainer,breeder, and exhibitor. I have just recently closed my grooming shop due to a motor vehicle accident but I am still an active exhibtor and breeder.

I have been trying to stay abreast of the new proposals to the Pa. Dog Law.

I commend the efforts of Pa to try to improve on much needed dog laws to help maintain a better standard of living for our pets.

If we plan on trying to improve the

conditions of the kennels puppy millers and non-licensed kennel owners, why are we making such unreasonable demands on most of the private exhibitors that try to follow the law? Most of the new proposals hinder the hobbyist and will only eliminate the small person.

Why isn't there any classifications for a private kennel license? There would only need to be two (PK1 and Pk2) PK1 up to 15 dogs, for the purpose of exhibiting, and breeding, not to exceed (X) number of litters in a year.

Pk2 -- 15 to 30 -- not to exceed (x) numbers of litters.

These two type of kennels would be allowed to have a fenced yard, runs that are either cement or good drainage like a sand/gravel or brick. It has been a practice for many years that a sand /gravel area is far better for the dog. They may be crated in the house or separate building . The crates or permanent housing would be of suffient size as to the requirements of the kennels.

Of course maintaining good records and vet care as larger kennels.

Something of this type would help the small hobbyist maintain his dogs in a more personal way as not to institutionalize.

Why couldn't the rest of the kennels

have a label of commerical, including boarding kennel.

CK 1-- 30- 50 and at least one full time employee and one part time. CK2 50..150 ,,, and at least 3 full time workers etc..

The third classification would be nonprofit ... Rescues and shelters Research,S&R

And last but not least Veternarians should be inspected and pay a fee after all they too, make a living on dogs.

If we have the true thoughts of improving conditions for dogs then large commercial kennels need regulation on employees also , how else would large numbers of dogs be cared for without enough help.Daycares have mandated workers per child why not our pets?

There are numerous other questions I have but the list is too long. I would very much like to see our good state of Pa. improve on our canine friends but I hope we can stay dog friendly, not antidog as most of the laws are sounding.

Commercial kennels are institutions and should be maintained as such, small hobby breeders/exhibitors are loving homes and cannot be maintained the same as an institution.

I think that the state of Pa. should change some of there laws for dogs, but this must and should take more time and thought and input from real dog enthusiast and clubs that have been involved in the sport of dogs. The revenues alone from dog events held at the Farm Show complex would be greatly affected.

Thank you

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