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Please submit this as a written comment - we would greatly appreciate it. The address is:  
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Thank you for your e-mail. Jessie

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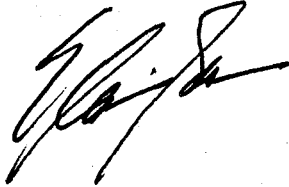
"...the proposals pertaining to housing and social interaction of dogs of different sizes are contrary to good husbandry, socialization and training practices." Why and what would you recommend?

I have Old English sheepdogs and Lowchens. The sheepdogs average 80 pounds, the Lowchens average 13 - 18 pounds. They get along beautifully together and have great friendships with one another. The OES are very comfortable around their smaller friends and often lie down so that they can play more compatibly. The small dogs love to play "chase" with their big friends. It is easier for me to go to a dog show with one Lowchen and one OES with less heavy equipment to carry and the easier transportability of the smaller dog. I can see NO reason for limiting households to one size of dog. We used to have beagles with the OES and

that worked well. We've also had one Pembroke Welsh corgi who loved to chase the big dogs and then play with them. In many families one or some members may prefer a small dog while others in the family prefer a large dog. This situation does not cause unrest in the home. How are these arrangements contrary to any practice?

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Elaine Saxen  
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elaine Saxen', written in a cursive style.