

Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement  
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender  
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture  
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Dear Ms. Bender:

Thank you for the opportunity to attend and review the proposed dog law changes December 14, 2006 in Harrisburg.

The proposed dog laws introduced in the Pennsylvania Bulletin December 16, 2006 appear excessive, arbitrary and contrary to reason, logic and common sense.

1. The proposed changes to segregating dogs by size and or sex have no basis in fact. The totality of the circumstance should determine if this is vital, necessary and imperative to the health, safety and welfare of the animals in question.

This clause is absent any rational basis.

This clause is frivolous.

This clause is unreasonable.

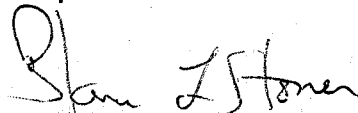
2. What wage rate was used to sustain the claim the additional costs per existing kennel will only be \$5000 to \$20,000 per kennel for compliance. These amounts will not cover the estimated cost of a garage with no heat or air conditioning today. Will you publish the facts you used to arrive at these figures?

The figures reflect the lack of knowledge regarding building construction costs. Will you project a cost per square foot?

These figures will necessarily increase as the fundamental law of supply and demand are skewed by enforcement, you are proposing a make work project for plumbers, electricians, lighting and heating ventilating and air conditioning contractors.

3. The proposed additional paperwork regarding exercising shows no nexus to reasonable benefits towards the animal/owner. The additional paper work will only place additional burdens on the small kennel operator. Many senior citizens today are breeder owners who can not exercise the smaller breeds themselves and it will be cost prohibitive for them to hire help and keep records.

I urge you to rethink the agriculture department's position regarding these dog law additions and seek compliance with our existing laws, rules, regulations and statutes.



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