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THE YORKSHIRE TERRIERS

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

There is nothing worse than seeing on TV where authorities have had to go into a home and confiscate dogs, cats, or other animals and turn them over to a humane authority because they were in such horrid conditions. I am all for regulations for proper care of dogs; however, I cannot agree with most of the regulatory changes in the proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania dog law regulations issued on December 16, 2006.

I have a small hobby kennel where I breed, raise, and show Yorkshire Terriers in AKC events. I have had a class I kennel license for the last several years. During that time, I have talked with the two different kennel inspectors who have inspected my kennel and asked them if they run into much trouble. "Yes," they say. "I have had to give a warning to (so and so) to get her kennel up to standard. The stench is horrible," etc., etc., etc. This same person was given warnings several times. Now, what is wrong with this picture? Why isn't she closed down if she can't comply after one warning?

How will the new regulations improve this problem? It won't and it will make it so those of us who raise our dogs in our homes and have been covered previously by the PA dog law and provide care far superior to those required by the new standards unable to comply with the rigid commercial kennel standards. Why should you lump all of us together? Keep the commercial breeders separate from the small hobby breeders.

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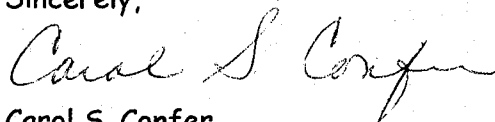
I take pride in the fact that I raise healthy, social puppies that go on to become AKC champions or adorable pets for people. I have always complied with the existing PA dog law, and many times when the kennel inspectors have been here, they have commented on how they wish all the kennels were like mine. I do to!

How will record keeping requirements for exercise, cleaning, and other aspects of kennel management serve a useful purpose? Who will verify their accuracy? Why shouldn't I be able to have a litter of puppies in my bedroom where they are separate from the rest of the dogs and in a nice quiet environment? Why is it necessary to walk each individual dog 20 minutes each day, when I have exercise pens set up for my dogs to run around in the fresh air and sunshine several hours a day weather permitting? Why is it I would have to build a building separate from my house to house my dogs when I have a wonderful room attached to the house where they get extra special care?

I am for getting rid of the "puppy mills," but this law just doesn't do it. Please set up regulations where they are needed and don't put us all in the same group.
PLEASE DO NOT PASS THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
PENNSYLVANIA DOG LAW REGULATIONS ISSUED ON DECEMBER 16, 2006!

And, I must ask: why is it that cats don't need licenses and roam all over the place. Who is regulating their owners?

Sincerely,



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