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Subject: FW: New Dog Law has many flaws

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From: LuthienLady11@aol.com [mailto:LuthienLady11@aol.com]
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2007 11:34 AM
To: IRRC
Subject: New Dog Law has many flaws

Dear Honorable IRRC,

I have written before with my concerns on Governor Rendell's proposed changes in the PA. Dog Law to the State Senate and House. I feel I must write again, this time to you.

My first concern is the way that Gov. Rendell stopped convening the old advisory board so that he could call them inefficient and replace them with people who may love animals but have never cleaned the kennels, whelped a litter or handled 100 various dogs hands on, day after day, as most kennel operators do. These people only have idealistic views and this is not the way to write or enforce a law covering a legal business of Pennsylvania.

Second, the governor appoints the spcas as the people who can inspect, seize, charge fines, sell the confiscated dogs and profit from all of the above. This is like telling the local auto auction that if it finds a problem with any dealer the get the cars for free. Any one else see a problem with this? Can we all say "CONFLICT OF INTEREST" or "ABSOLUTE POWER CORRUPTS ABSOLUTELY" or "NO DUE PROCESS OF LAW"! These "non-profit, privately owned kennels are exempt from all inspections and the dog law. When was the last time you were in a humane society you didn't hear a cough or think about the smell? Why are they not responsible to have clean, healthy animals? Why do they not have to have a quarantine area for new or sick dogs? Why can they have animals living in small stainless or a tiny crate? Check some of their tax returns and you will be shocked at the 6 figures being pulled down by administration. Check out the HSUS or North Shore Animal Rescue League? Guess where donations go. Who do you think is paying for the propaganda on our highway billboards? Why do you think adopting a kitten is \$200? Humane Societies should not have this power.

When you try and read the proposed changes on The PA Bulletin you will find them frightening. Section 21.23 Space tells you about proposing changes in space and requiring exercise. I have a pen that my pets romp in together. I am not physically able to walk my pets individually for 20 minutes each. How can this be approved? Most small show kennels will not be able to find time to do the exercise and paperwork part. They work all day to support their dogs and then get up early to clean while the dogs eat and romp in the yard...

What breeders are being talked to for these changes? A knowledgeable breeder can

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tell you about fear periods, exercise and healthy pups, not a committee of politically connected board members who have the goal of eliminating all breeding in Pennsylvania. Many of the fine breeders at the Harrisburg KC show will be gone if this law is passed. Pennsylvania produces many top champions but hey, home raised pups don't meet the new non-porous surface requirements or air circulation or many other ill thought out rules. The large, sterile, cold commercial kennels will survive but the hobby breeder with his champions living mostly in the house won't. Is this our real goal?

If you still think this law is a good idea I would like you to note that one of the new Dog Law board seats is held by the American Kennel Club. The American Kennel Club just sent this letter to every breeder in the state. After you read it ask yourself why an organization, devoted to dog welfare like the AKC should raise the alarm about Pennsylvania's proposed law. What other animal industries will we eliminate after the breeders, vets, pet stores, grooming shops and dog related tax payers slowly go elsewhere. Remember even co-owning a dog makes you covered by the dog law and open for gestapo inspection. Please, voice your concern to Governor Rendell and Mary Bender. Thank you.

Sincerely, Amanda Nelson

Forwarded Message:

Subj:	Attention Pennsylvania Dog Breeders
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As the breeder of a recent AKC registered litter, the American Kennel Club and the Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs wants you to be aware of proposed changes to the Pennsylvania Dog Law that could negatively impact your right to own and breed dogs. Attached is a sample letter with suggested comments on proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania Dog Law.

Attention Pennsylvania Dog Breeders

Dog Breeders, Owners, Co-owners, Handlers, Boarding Kennels, Shelters and Rescues Groups, **These proposed regulations could affect YOU!**

On December 14th the newly appointed Dog Law Advisory Board held a meeting in Harrisburg PA. New proposed regulations on how the existing Pennsylvania Dog law would be administered were presented. The contents of this proposal will be posted in the PA Bulletin on 12/16/06 and will call for public comment. The public Comment period will last 60 days, starting when the proposed regulations are posted in the PA Bulletin on December 16. Comments must be in writing to count.

Some of these regulations could be devastating to many phases of the dog fancy.