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Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture  
Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement  
Attn: Ms Mary Bender  
2301 North Cameron St.  
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

Dear Ms. Bender:

My name is Claudia and writing about the dog laws here in the state. I can't believe I live in a state that lets animals suffer on a daily basis. Puppymills in the state are too numerous. They need to be shut down. I'm tired of the Amish getting away with murder. What makes the Amish exempt from everything? Lancaster County is the puppymill capital of the East Coast. Puppymills breed misery, and the dogs are nothing but prisoners of greed forced to give birth from 6 months of age until their usefulness is done. Dogs are not livestock.

I do applaud you for wanting to take a stand and to change the dog laws. I don't agree with many of them.

There needs to be a law against animals living in inhumane conditions. It's not only the puppymills, it's catteries, and pet stores, which are in need of much needed regulation.

I don't believe dogs belong in a cage 24/7. Dogs need exercise protection from the heat and cold, live in a clean environment, also vet care for immunization and for illness. I don't believe in tethering animals either.

Pet stores also need to be looked into. There's a pet store Dishong's in Johnstown PA that needs to be shut down. They're selling sick and dying dogs. Dishong's mill operation is in Commodore Pa and needs to be looked into. Don't know who to contact and would actually look into the problem. Animals fall through the cracks here in western Pa.

How do you become a humane officer?

Sincerely,  
Claudia Miller  
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