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Napierville Kennel
549 Hahnstown Rd
Ephrata, PA 17522

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

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Yours truly,

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Samuel K. Miller
62 Burket Road
Shippensburg, PA 17257

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Mulvin's Pet Connection
26 N. Center St.
Corry, PA 16407

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Edwin M. Martin
865 Davis Road
Millmont, PA 17845-9703

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Edwin M Martin

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Loren R. Nolt
238 Musser Rd
East Earl, PA 17519

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Loren Nolt
Clair A. Noel

Mountainside Kennel
796 Grist Mill Rd
Ephrata, PA 17522

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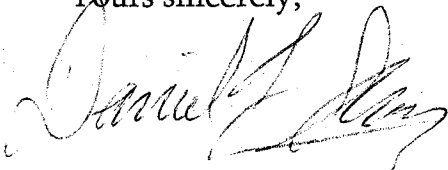
I am writing to express a few concerns that I have with regard to the proposed Dog Law Act 225, which was issued on December 16, 2006.

I appreciate that fact that the bureau has helped to improve the dog laws in the past several years. However, the current proposed regulation changes have appeared to be intentionally burdensome and go far beyond mere rulemaking. The proposals add completely new categories and definition. These changes must be addressed through the legislative process.

The proposed changes require the kennel owner to record every time a water bowl or food pan is washed, every time the primary and secondary pen enclosures are cleaned, and the feeding and watering dates and times, etc. All these burdensome and excessive requirements will require a substantial increase in manpower with many hours dedicated to filling out written bureaucratic reports and divert the small business owner's time away from caring for their animals.

The Departments direction and intentions are neither attributed as accepted canine husbandry practices nor substantiated by science. The Department should base their changes on education to improve the industry. I request that this proposal be withdrawn.

Yours sincerely,



Daniel F Stoltzfus
255 School Lane Rd
Gap, PA 17527

Esther W. Nolt
797 Terre Hill Road
East Earl, PA 17519

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Millwood Kennel
346 Millwood Rd
Gap, PA 17527

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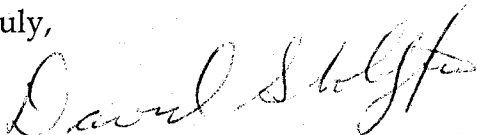
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Dear Ms. Bender,

I am writing in response to the Dog Law Act 225 that was issued on December 16, 2006, of which I have several disagreements. The regulatory proposals in general are very difficult and costly to enforce, extremely onerous, and not feasible when put in to practice.

The new proposal only permits a licensed kennel to buy from another licensed kennel. This is fraud for the following reasons:

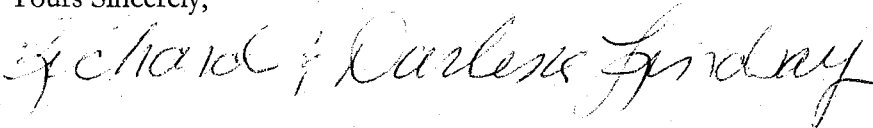
1. Unless the kennel has purchased, sold, or transferred more than 26 dogs in a calendar year to the individual, it is impossible for the kennel to know if the individual is required to have a Pennsylvania kennel license.
2. It is unlawful for the department to regulate and inspect kennels outside of Pennsylvania.
3. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Dog Law Enforcement Bureau already requires the name, address, acquisition date, disposition date, type of sale, breed, sex, color, whelping date, and identification number be recorded for each and every dog sold, transferred, adopted, or given away. If the Department wishes to enforce the law, they already have all information needed.

The proposals referencing to housing and social interaction of dogs of different sizes are contrary to good husbandry, socializing and training practices. Moreover, there is no scientific or accepted husbandry basis for the amended space and exercise requirements.

The current proposal claims to be a general list of ideas to improve the breeding environment for dogs, which are neither substantiated by science nor attributed as accepted canine husbandry practices. A better idea would be for Pennsylvania to adopt USDA type standards.

I sincerely request that this proposal be withdrawn.

Yours Sincerely,



D & D Boarding Kennel
3146 Ritner Hwy
Newville, PA 17241

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Lion's Den
5316 Delta Rd
Delta, PA 17314

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Independent Regulatory Review Commission
Attn: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

January 31, 2007

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli,

I am writing in response to oppose the Dog Law Regulations Act 225 recently issued on December 16, 2006. The current regulatory proposals in general are unenforceable and extremely onerous when put into practice.

The proposed regulations call for kennels to be specific in regard to exercise and cleaning records. These would require a substantial increase in manpower and time dedicated to filling out written bureaucratic reports, it would be impossible to verify their accuracy. This change would also divert the small business owner's time away from caring for their animals.

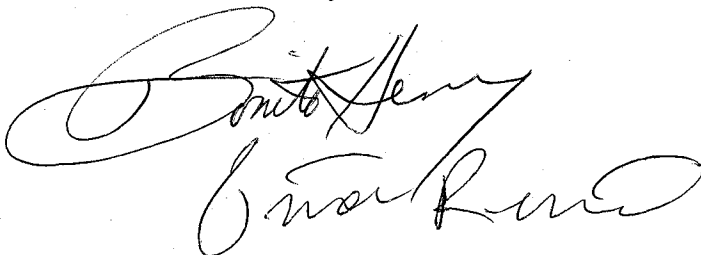
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Yours truly,



Elmer J Peachy
110 Mill Rd
Allensville, PA 17002

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Harvey Martin
193 Spook Lane
East Earl, PA 17519

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Edna Zimmerman
25 Hickory Lane
Ephrata, PA 17522

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Paul A. Martin
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Danville, PA 17821

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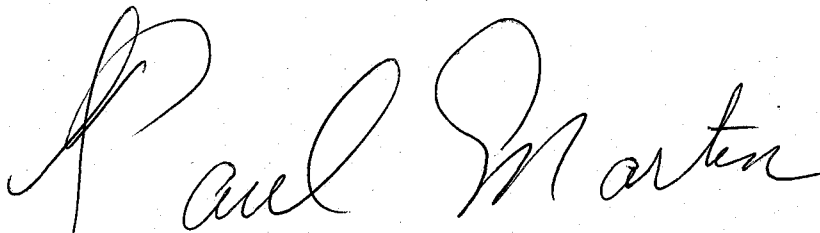
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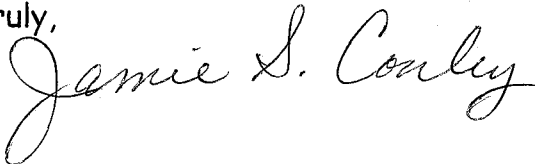
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630 Butter Rd
Dover, PA 17315

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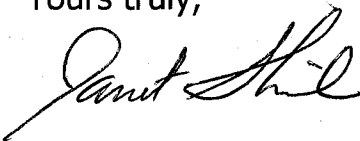
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Rockytop Kennel
2100 Turkey Hill Rd
Narvon, PA 17555

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Matthew M Martin
146 Mill Road
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Allen M. Zimmerman
840 Weaverland Rd
East Earl, PA 17519

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Bullie Pups R Us
313 West Morlatton Rd.
Douglassville, PA 19578

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I am writing in opposition to the proposed changes to the Dog Law Act 225 which was issued on December 16, 2006. I completely understand that substandard kennel conditions should not be permitted, but most of the proposed regulatory changes are impractical and costly.

These proposals call for change in definitions and requirements of licensed and inspected kennels within the Commonwealth. These extensive changes must go through Pennsylvania's House and Senate legislative processes.

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Kennels have been custom built to comply with the Department of Agriculture's Dog Law Enforcement standards that were based on USDA standards. The proposed changes of this section will require the demolition of licensed and inspected kennels and the rebuilding of entirely new dimensioned kennels. The average cost per kennel will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 each.

The proposed changes would require a substantial increase in manpower with many hours dedicated to filling out written bureaucratic reports and divert the small business owner's time away from caring for their animals. *which is most important*

I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded and the USDA standard be adopted in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,



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*Audley Farm
Rd 1 Box 152
Blairs Mills, PA 17213*

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January 22, 2007

Independent Regulatory Review Commission
Attn: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed changes to the Dog Law Act 225 which was issued on December 16, 2006. I completely understand that substandard kennel conditions should not be permitted, but most of the proposed regulatory changes are impractical and costly.

These proposals call for change in definitions and requirements of licensed and inspected kennels within the Commonwealth. These extensive changes must go through Pennsylvania's House and Senate legislative processes.

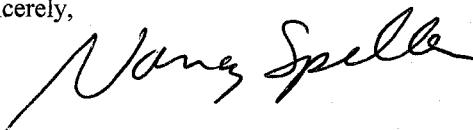
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The proposed changes would require a substantial increase in manpower with many hours dedicated to filling out written bureaucratic reports and divert the small business owner's time away from caring for their animals.

I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded and the USDA standard be adopted in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,



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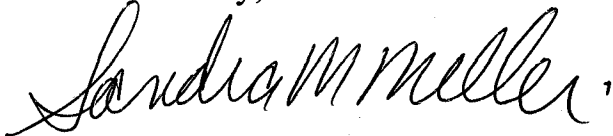
I am writing to comment on the proposed amendments to the Dog Law Regulations Act 225 issued on December 16, 2006. I personally think that many of the changes are impractical and burdensome, and will not improve the quality of life for dogs in kennels.

The proposed regulations will require a substantial increase in manpower with many hours dedicated to filling out bureaucratic reports or recordkeeping which the department already has.

Kennels have been custom built to comply with Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Dog Law Enforcement standards that were based on USDA Standards. The proposed changes of this section will require the demolition of Pennsylvania's licensed and inspected kennels and the rebuilding of entirely new dimensioned kennels. There is no scientific basis for the change; the average cost per kennel will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 each.

The current proposed appears to be over idealistic in term of improving the welfare of dogs. I urge that this proposal be rescinded and an approach similar to the USDA standards be developed.

Yours truly,



Pet Wonderland Inc.
757-759 Kidder St
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

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K 9 Kampus Inc
1855 Folk Rd
Fogelsville, PA 18051

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January 20, 2007

Independent Regulatory Review Commission
Attn: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
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Harrisburg, PA 17101

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The proposed regulations call for kennels to be specific in regard to exercise and cleaning records. These would require a substantial increase in manpower and time dedicated to filling out written bureaucratic reports, it would be impossible to verify their accuracy. This change would also divert the small business owner's time away from caring for their animals.

The bureau already requires the name, address, acquisition date, disposition date, type of sale, breed, sex, color, whelping date, and identification number be recorded for each and every dog sold, transferred, adopted, or given away. If the department wishes to enforce the law, they already have all information needed.

Unless the kennel has purchased, sold, or transferred more than 26 dogs in a calendar year to the individual, it is impossible for the kennel to know if the individual is required to have a Pennsylvania kennel license.

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I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded and the USDA standard be adopted in Pennsylvania.

Yours Sincerely,

Victoria Schadle

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**Lindale Boxers Kennel
16 Queen Rd
Intercourse, PA 17534**

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Independent Regulatory Review Commission
Attn: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
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Harrisburg, PA 17101

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
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January 31, 2007

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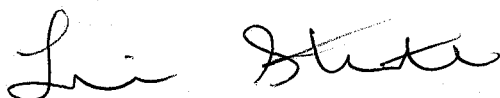
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I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded and the USDA standard be adopted in Pennsylvania.

Yours Sincerely,



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February 5, 2007

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101
Fax: 717-783-2664

Dear Sir:

On Dec. 16, 2006, changes to the outdated kennel regulations—currently used to inspect commercial breeding operations in Pennsylvania—were proposed.

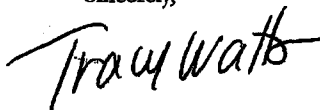
The proposed changes could improve the living conditions of dogs who currently suffer in puppy mills. I am a Pennsylvania resident (and an animal lover) and am submitting a letter to support the new, more humane regulations.

I support the following changes to the regulations that affect dogs in puppy mills:

- doubling the minimum cage size
- requiring daily exercise outside of the cage
- required heat when the temperature drops below 50 degrees
- required cooling (by fan or air conditioning) when the temperature rises above 85 degrees
- improving ventilation in kennel areas
- denying kennel licenses to individuals convicted of animal cruelty within the past 10 years

I am additionally requesting that the above proposed changes include an exemption for shelters from the kennel expansion and exercise requirements and that foster homes should be exempt from kennel housing requirements and instead have separate performance standards appropriate for home care settings.

Sincerely,



Tracy J Watts
338 Arionne Drive
Hatboro, PA 19040

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FAX COVER SHEET

TO	Chairman Arthur Coccodrilli	INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
COMPANY	Independent Reg. Review Comm.	REVIEW COMMISSION
FAX NUMBER	17177832664	
FROM	Norm Buggel	
DATE	2007-02-04 23:17:28 GMT	
RE	Pennsylvania puppy mill Legislation	

COVER MESSAGE

Dear Sir,

As a citizen in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, it concerns me that our State continues to offer leniency towards the many PUPPY MILLS in Pennsylvania, which are nothing less than cruel, inhumane, and uninterested in the care of canines brought into this world in their facilities. I'm a long-time dog lover, ASPCA member since 1996, dog foster for various rescue organizations, and acutely aware of this State's reputation for being the "puppy mill capital of the East."

I write you in hopes that you will support Governor Rendell's proposals to improve these dog's living conditions by mandating these requirements of dog breeding facilities/kennels:

- double the minimum cage size
- require daily exercise outside of the cage
- require heat when the temperature drops below 50 degrees
- require cooling (by fan or air conditioning) when the temperature rises above 85 degrees
- improve ventilation in kennel areas
- deny kennel licenses to individuals convicted of animal cruelty within the past 10 years
- support the detailed proposals submitted by the Humane Society of the United States

Thank you for your support.

Norm Buggel
1479 Saucon Meadow Court
Bethlehem, PA 18015
Mobile (917) 696 4683

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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION120 N. 5th St.
Allentown, PA 18102-4108
February 3, 2007

Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market St.—14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Mr. Coccodrilli:

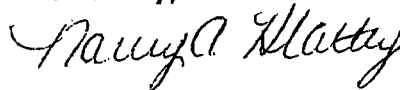
I'm writing out of concern for the tens of thousands of dogs and puppies who suffer tremendously in Pennsylvania's puppy mills. I urge you to support Governor Rendell's commitment to help these dogs and puppies by:

- Doubling the minimum cage size
- Requiring daily exercise outside of the cage
- Require heat when the temperature drops below 50 degrees
- Require cooling (by fan or air conditioning) when the temperature rises above 85 degrees
- Improving ventilation in kennel areas
- Denying kennel licenses to individuals convicted of animal cruelty within the past 10 years

I ask that you consider certain exemptions for shelters from the kennel expansion requirements and that foster homes should be exempt from kennel housing requirements and instead have separate performance standards which are appropriate for home care settings.

I thank you on behalf of all of the dogs and puppies who suffer every minute of every day of their entire life in these horrible puppy mills.

Sincerely,



Nancy A. Hlatky

BERNADINE C. SEMINACK

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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA. 17101

RE: PA. PUPPY MILLS

Dear Sir:

It is my hope that you join Gov. Ed Rendell in his commitment to help the tens of thousands of dogs affected by Pa. puppy mills. On Dec. 16th changes were proposed to improve antiquated inspections & regulations regarding inspections on breeding operations in Pa. These changes which would improve living conditions of dogs suffering in puppy mills. These changes would include:

- doubling the minimum cage size
- requiring daily exercise outside of the cage
- required heat when the temperature drops below 50 degrees
- required cooling (fan or air conditioning) when temperature rise above 85
- improved ventilation in cages & denying kennel licenses to individuals convicted of animal cruelty within the past 10 years

Also, it is my desire that foster homes should be exempt from kennel housing requirements and instead have *separate* performance standards *appropriate for home care settings*. **Please support this humane treatment of animals in puppy mills.**

Sincerely,

Bernadine Seminack

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Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Attn: Mary Bender
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408
Fax: 717-772-4352

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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
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cc: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
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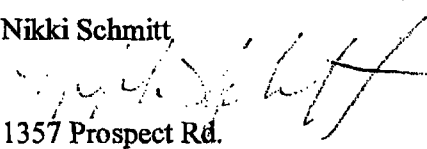
I would like to voice support for the new, more humane regulations of puppy mills.

- » doubling the minimum cage size
- » requiring daily exercise outside of the cage
- » required heat when the temperature drops below 50 degrees
- » required cooling (by fan or air conditioning) when the temperature rises above 85 degrees
- » improving ventilation in kennel areas
- » denying kennel licenses to individuals convicted of animal cruelty within the past 10 years

I also ask for an exemption for shelters from the kennel expansion and exercise requirements. Foster homes should be exempt from kennel housing requirements and instead have separate performance standards appropriate for home care settings.

Thank you,

Nikki Schmitt



1357 Prospect Rd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15227
Nschmitt26@aol.com

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February 2, 2007

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Copy to:
Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101
Fax: 717-783-2664

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Ms. Bender,

I am writing in support of the proposed regulations which would reduce the suffering of dogs in our state's puppy mills. I particularly support the comments submitted by the Humane Society of the United States.

The updated regulations would:

- Double the minimum cage size;
- Require daily exercise outside the cage;
- Require heat if the temperature drops below 50 degrees;
- Require cooling if the temperature rises above 85 degrees;
- Improve ventilation in kennel areas; and,
- Deny kennel licenses to those convicted of animal cruelty within the past 10 years.

These are minimal benefits that any responsible breeder would provide. The very existence of puppy mills in Pennsylvania is an embarrassment and I would hope that basic concerns for the welfare would enable swift passage of at least minimally protective regulations.

Sincerely,



Michelle Thomson
200 W. Washington Square, Apt. PH-103
Philadelphia, PA 19106

cc: Vincent Fumo, Senate District 1, via email
Babette Josephs, , Philadelphia, via fax: (215) 560-5816, (717) 787-5066
Michael H. O'Brien, Philadelphia, via fax: (215) 503-7850, (717) 780-4787

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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Mr. Coccodrilli:

I am writing to tell you I support the new proposed changes in to the outdated Kennel regulations, specifically, but not limited to:

- doubling the minimum cage size
- requiring daily exercise outside of the cage
- required heat when the temperature drops below 50 degrees
- required cooling (by fan or air conditioning) when the temperature rises above 85 degrees
- improving ventilation in kennel areas
- denying kennel licenses to individuals convicted of animal cruelty within the past 10 years

I also request an exemption for shelters from the kennel expansion and exercise requirements and also note that foster homes should be exempt from kennel housing requirements and instead have separate performance standards appropriate for home care settings.

Thank you for your attention to this important subject.

Kimberly Firestone
Harrisburg, PA

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February 2, 2007

Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101
Fax: 717-783-2664

Dear Arthur Coccodrilli,

With your support, changes to the regulations that affect dogs in puppy mills in PA should include the following requirements:

- Doubling the minimum cage size
- Requiring daily exercise outside of the cages
- Requiring heat when the temperature drops below 50 degrees
- Requiring cooling (by fan or air conditioner) when the temperature rises above 85 degrees
- Improving ventilation in kennel areas
- Denying kennel licenses to any individuals convicted of animal cruelty
- All other provisions in the proposed kennel regulations

There has been some concern that animal shelters and rescue groups may be affected by the kennel regulations due to the addition of a new definition of "temporary home." Please make shelters exempt from the kennel expansion and exercise requirements. Also, foster homes should be exempt from kennel housing requirements and instead have separate performance standards appropriate for home care settings.

Your consideration in these matters is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Alexandria Wilson

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Jana Lyons
2925 Belrose Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15216

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Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
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Fax: 717-783-2664

Re: [7 PA. CODE CHS. 21, 23, 25 AND 27], Dog Law Enforcement, [36 Pa.B. 7596],
[Saturday, December 16, 2006]

Dear Mr. Coccodrilli:

I am writing to express my support for the proposed changes to the kennel regulations. Until we can get rid of "puppy mills" completely, it's important that they are regulated more closely for the protection of these poor animals. If the proposed regulations are approved, dogs in Pennsylvania puppy mills will be provided with more space, will have better protection from the elements and will have time outside of their cages for exercise.

At the very least, we need regulations that call for

- doubling the minimum cage size
- requiring daily exercise outside of the cage
- requiring heat when the temperature drops below 50 degrees
- requiring cooling (by fan or air conditioning) when the temperature rises above 85 degrees
- improving ventilation in kennel areas
- denying kennel licenses to individuals convicted of animal cruelty within the past 10 years

Additionally, please make sure that shelters, which are doing their best to help animals, are not adversely affected by legislation meant to help as well. This could be done by providing an exemption for shelters from the kennel expansion and exercise requirements and by also exempting foster homes should from kennel housing requirements and instead have separate performance standards appropriate for home care settings.

Your support of these efforts is critical. Pennsylvania is great state and it's horrible that we would be known for our cruelty to animals.

Sincerely,



Jana Lyons

P-E KENNEL
129 SPRING GROVE RD
EAST EARL, PA 17519

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JANUARY 30, 2007

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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
ATTN: ARTHUR COCCODRILLI, CHAIRMAN
333 MARKET STREET, 14TH FLOOR
HARRISBURG, PA 17101

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

DEAR CHAIRMAN COCCODRILLI,

I AM WRITING IN RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE DOG LAW ACT 225 WHICH WAS ISSUED ON DECEMBER 16, 2006.

WITH A FULL UNDERSTANDING THAT THE BUREAU IS TRYING TO IMPROVE SUBSTANDARD KENNEL CONDITIONS, I AM NOT IN AGREEMENT THAT MOST OF THE CHANGES ARE NECESSARY.

THE PROPOSED RECORD KEEPING WOULD REQUIRE ME TO WRITE DOWN THE DATE AND TIME I WASHED EACH FOOD AND WATER BOWL, EVERY TIME A PEN IS CLEANED; EACH INDIVIDUAL OUTSIDE RUN IS CLEANED, ETC. IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR ME TO HAVE MY GENERAL DAILY PROCEDURES THAT I ROUTINELY FOLLOW, IN WRITING. THIS IS SIMILAR TO HOW THE USDA REGULATIONS ARE WORDED.

THE PROPOSED CHANGES WOULD ALSO REQUIRE THE DEMOLITION OF PENNSYLVANIA'S LICENSED AND INSPECTED KENNELS. YET, THERE IS NO SCIENTIFIC BASIS FOR THE CHANGE. IN ADDITION, THE AVERAGE COST TO REBUILD KENNEL WILL BE BETWEEN \$30,000.00 AND \$500,000.00 EACH.

I SINCERELY URGE THAT THIS PROPOSAL BE WITHDRAWN, AS THE BENEFICIAL OUTCOME WILL BE IN QUESTION IF THE PROPOSAL IS ADOPTED.

YOURS TRULY,

Paul Dyeist

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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

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Attn: Mr. John H. Jewett
14th Floor Harristown 2
333 Market St.
Harrisburg, PA 17101

January 30, 2007

RE: Proposed Changes to PA Dog Law Regulations (36 Pa. B. 7596)

Dear Mr. Jewett,

I am writing to express a few concerns that I have with regard to the proposed Dog Law Act 225, which was issued on December 16, 2006.

I appreciate that fact that the bureau has helped to improve the dog laws in the past several years. However, the current proposed regulation changes have appeared to be intentionally burdensome and go far beyond mere rulemaking.

The proposals add completely new categories and definition. These changes must be addressed through the legislative process.

The proposed changes require the kennel owner to record every time a water bowl or food pan is washed, every time the primary and secondary pen enclosures are cleaned, and the feeding and watering dates and times, etc. All these burdensome and excessive requirements will require a substantial increase in manpower with many hours dedicated to filling out written bureaucratic reports and divert the small business owner's time away from caring for their animals.

The Departments direction and intentions are neither attributed as accepted canine husbandry practices nor substantiated by science. The Department should base their changes on education to improve the industry. I request that this proposal be withdrawn.

Yours sincerely,

Sandy Crist 2-1-07

570-673-8720

Triple CCC Kennel
3964 River Rd
Troy, PA 16947

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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
230I North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

January 20, 2007

Dear Ms. Bender,

I am writing in response to the Dog Law Act 225 that was issued on December 16, 2006, of which I have several disagreements. The regulatory proposals in general are very difficult and costly to enforce, extremely onerous, and not feasible when put in to practice.

The new proposal only permits a licensed kennel to buy from another licensed kennel. This is fraud for the following reasons:

1. Unless the kennel has purchased, sold, or transferred more than 26 dogs in a calendar year to the individual, it is impossible for the kennel to know if the individual is required to have a Pennsylvania kennel license.
2. It is unlawful for the department to regulate and inspect kennels outside of Pennsylvania.
3. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Dog Law Enforcement Bureau already requires the name, address, acquisition date, disposition date, type of sale, breed, sex, color, whelping date, and identification number be recorded for each and every dog sold, transferred, adopted, or given away. If the Department wishes to enforce the law, they already have all information needed.

The proposals referencing to housing and social interaction of dogs of different sizes are contrary to good husbandry, socializing and training practices. Moreover, there is no scientific or accepted husbandry basis for the amended space and exercise requirements.

The current proposal claims to be a general list of ideas to improve the breeding environment for dogs, which are neither substantiated by science nor attributed as accepted canine husbandry practices. A better idea would be for Pennsylvania to adopt USDA type standards.

I sincerely request that this proposal be withdrawn.

Yours Sincerely,

Marian Newbange

Clover Creek Kennel
Rd 2 Box 185
Williamsburg, PA 16693

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

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January 19, 2007

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Yours Sincerely,

*Reuben Esch
428 Mt View Dr.
Howard Pa. 16841*

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Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
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I sincerely request that this proposal be withdrawn.

Yours Sincerely,

Dan Lapp
2199 Ridge Rd.
Montgomery, PA 17752

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Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
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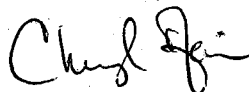
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Yours Sincerely,



Cheryl's Pet Grooming
514 S. Railroad St.
Myerstown, PA 17067

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Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

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Yours Sincerely,



County Line Kennels
155 Engletown Rd
Honey Brook, PA 19344

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Yours Sincerely,



Cove Puppy's Kennel
Rd 1 Box 65
Martinsburg, PA 16662

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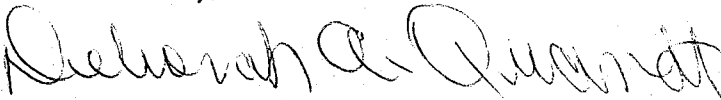
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Yours Sincerely,



Debbie's Dog Grooming Kennel
77 S. Pearl St
North East, PA 16428

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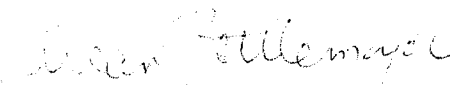
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Yours Sincerely,


Chop A Line Kennel
15352 Rt 68
Sligo, PA 16255

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Yours Sincerely,



Stanley L Clark
1226 Rocklick Hollow Road
New Paris, PA 15554

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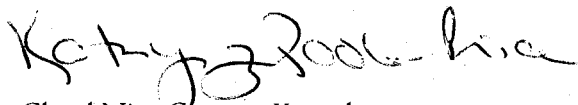
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Yours Sincerely,



Cloud Nine Country Kennel
146 Hunter Forge Rd.
Macungie, PA 18062

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Yours Sincerely,

Chestnut Grove Kennel
120 Chestnut Grove Rd
Shippensburg, PA 17257

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Yours Sincerely,



Dean E Martin Kennel
691 Fivepointville Rd
Denver, PA 17517

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Yours Sincerely,

David S. Zimmerman Jr.

David S. Zimmerman, Jr.
360 Peach Rd.
Ephrata, PA 17522

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Bender, Mary

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 To: mabender@state.pa.us
 Subject: The New Dog Law

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

Dear Ms. Bender:

My name is Robert G. Yarnall, Sr. I was born and raised in Pennsylvania. I have been involved with showing, breeding and raising puppies at my kennel since 1963. I would say that I am one of the oldest producers of dobermans in the country.

I am writing to comment on the proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania dog law regulations issued on December 16, 2006. I believe that inhumane and substandard kennel conditions should not be tolerated, but I do not agree that most of the proposed regulatory changes are needed, or would necessarily have a beneficial outcome if adopted. Many are impractical, excessively burdensome and costly, unenforceable, and will not improve the quality of life for the dogs in these kennels.

Examples of problems with the proposal are the following:

The definition of "temporary housing" would require thousands of small residential hobby and show breeding households to become licensed which could not possibly comply with the regulations, and which there is no reason to regulate. We offer our breeding females out on a one litter back contract and this would eliminate our having all our pups home raised and socialized. Something we find very important to our pups.

The obligations of owners of "temporary housing" which are made subject to inspection by the proposal are not enumerated or limited.

There is no scientific or accepted husbandry basis for the amended space and exercise requirements. Many older or working show enthusiasts would be hard pressed to exercise even 10 dogs by themselves let alone 26.

The regulations will require wholesale renovation, if not rebuilding, of many kennels already built in compliance with current federal and/or state standards. There is no scientific foundation for the arbitrary, rigid engineering standards specified.

Smaller breeders and dog owners who maintain their dogs in their own residential premises but are covered by the Pennsylvania dog law, who provide care and conditions far superior to those required by the

proposed new standards, would be unable to comply with the rigid commercial kennel standards. Couches, carpeting and other home features that dogs love to enjoy would be banned.

The record keeping requirements with respect to exercise, cleaning, and other aspects of kennel management are excessively burdensome and serve no useful purpose, as it would be impossible to verify their accuracy in all but the most egregious circumstances. Any inspector can tell from looking if a kennel is following the regulations. Non commercial kennel operators often have full time jobs to support their hobby and do all their cleaning hands on.

The proposals pertaining to housing and social interaction of dogs of different sizes are contrary to good husbandry, socialization and training practices. We have solid panels between litters so germs can not be spread.

The above is far from a complete list of the deficiencies with the proposed regulations. I also associate myself with the more detailed comments on this proposal by the Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs.

The Bureau has tacitly conceded that its current regulations have not been adequately enforced. If, after implementing its recently announced enhanced enforcement program, the Bureau finds it is still unable to prevent inhumane treatment of dogs because of specific deficiencies in the existing regulations, it should cite these specific deficiencies and propose changes based on them. The current proposal appears to be merely a laundry list of ideas for improving the environment for dogs that has no connection to specific instances in which the welfare of dogs could not be secured and no basis in science or accepted canine husbandry practices. I urge that this proposal be withdrawn.

Finally I think that taking away any Pennsylvania business' due process of law by allowing any inspectors the right to seize their produce, sell it and de-guilt themselves after the fact is not only wrong but possibly unconstitutional even under PA. constitution. I can not believe that this will be allowed to happen in this state.

Sincerely,

Robert G. Yarnall, Sr.

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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
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2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, Pa. 17110-9408

Dear Ms. Bender:

My name is Regina Beinhauer, and I am a small hobby, show breeder in Western Pennsylvania. I have been involved with some breeding and primarily showing Cocker Spaniels for 20 years.

I am writing to express my concern over the proposed amendments to our current Pennsylvania dog law regulations that were issued on December 16, 2006. I have been involved in Cocker Spaniel rescue programs in the past, and I believe that inhumane treatment of dogs and inadequate kennel conditions should never be tolerated. However, I do not agree that most of the proposed changes to our current regulations are needed, nor would they solve the problems of the puppy mill situations that are plaguing our state. Many of these proposed changes are extremely impractical, costly, unenforceable, and will not improve or control the quality of life for the dogs in these situations. Below are listed some examples of the problems that will stem from the changes that are being suggested.

The definition of "temporary housing" would require that most small residential hobby, show breeders would have to become licensed, and we would not be able to comply with the regulations. The small hobby/show breeders are not the problem.

The regulations would require extreme renovation, and possibly the rebuilding, of many kennels that are already in compliance with our current federal and state standards. There is no basis for the rigid engineering standards that are being proposed.

All record keeping requirements regarding exercise, cleaning, and kennel management would virtually be impossible to verify as to accuracy.

Dog owners and small breeders who currently keep their dogs on their own residential property but are already covered by the Pennsylvania dog law, and who provide conditions that are extremely superior to those required by the proposed new changes, would be unable to comply with the commercial kennel standards.

The changes pertaining to housing and social interaction of dogs of different sizes, sexes, etc., even though spayed or neutered, are contrary to proper socialization and successful training practices.

This is just a partial list of some of the deficiencies with the proposed regulations. I urge that the proposed amendments to our current Pennsylvania Dog Laws be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

Regina Beinhauer 548 Justabout Road Venetia, Pa. 15367



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Judith A. McKinney
103 East Sixth Street
Media, Pa. 19063

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2301 North Cameron Street
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Dear Ms. Bender:

We have exchanged emails in the past few months regarding Dog Warden positions in Delaware County, if you recall. As a member of the Tail Blazers Agility Club, I am now writing to you with regard to the proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania dog law regulations issued on December 16, 2006.

I believe that inhumane and substandard kennel conditions should not be tolerated, but I do not agree that most of the proposed regulatory changes are needed, or would necessarily have a beneficial outcome if adopted. Many are impractical, excessively burdensome and costly, unenforceable, and/or will not improve the quality of life for the dogs in these kennels.

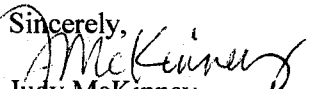
Here are some examples of problems with the proposal:

1. The proposed Health Certificate required to come into the Commonwealth is restrictive for the typical dog owner. Recreational events such as Agility Trials and competitions are conducted year around in the surrounding States and have competitors traveling to Pennsylvania to compete as well. Also vacationers travel with their pets from state to state and will restrict that enjoyment.
2. Smaller breeders and dog owners who maintain their dogs in their own residential premises but are covered by the Pennsylvania dog law, who provide care and conditions far superior to those required by the proposed new standards, would be unable to comply with the rigid commercial kennel standards.
3. The record keeping requirements with respect to exercise, cleaning, and other aspects of kennel management are excessively burdensome and serve no useful purpose, as it would be impossible to verify their accuracy in all but the most egregious circumstances. Such egregious circumstances already violate existing regulations. However, records regarding the number of adoptions, sales, veterinary visits, and euthanasia instances (and the reasons for putting the animal down) in kennels and shelters should be transparent to the community as well as to the Commonwealth.
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Sincerely,


Judy McKinney
Editor, TBAC Newsletter

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January 20, 2007

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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Ms. Bender,

My name is Susan J. Harvey, 303 S. Concord Road, West Chester, PA 19382. I have been involved in breeding and showing dogs for 20 years in Pennsylvania.

I am writing to comment on the proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania dog law regulations issued on December 16, 2006. I believe that inhumane and substandard kennel conditions should not be tolerated, but I do not agree that most of the proposed regulatory changes are needed, or would necessarily have a beneficial outcome if adopted. Many are impractical, excessively burdensome and costly, unenforceable, and/or will not improve the quality of life for the dogs in these kennels.

Examples of problems with the proposal are the following:

* The regulations were formulated without input from any kennel owners. These would not allow any licensed breeders to have their dogs and puppies in their homes or in their yards to exercise. These are absurd requirements! Most of us have our dogs in our homes. Ninety percent of these proposed rules could not be abided by our hobby breeders. Smaller breeders and dog owners who maintain their dogs in their own residential premises as members of their family provide care and conditions far superior to those required by the proposed new standards, would be unable to comply with the rigid commercial kennel standards. It is better by far to buy a puppy from a small breeder who cares about the homes that their puppies receive and the health and welfare of their dogs.

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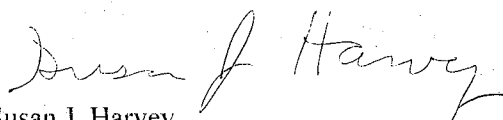
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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan J. Harvey". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and address.

Susan J. Harvey
Chestnut Hill Kennels
303 S. Concord Road
West Chester, PA 19382

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Dorothy A. Heffner
198 Line Road
Malvern, PA 19355

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

Dear Ms. Bender:

All of my life I have loved dogs. For many years I have owned, bred, and shown dogs, and I have enjoyed these activities very much. I am careful to keep my dog population under 25, therefore I do not have a kennel license.

I have been trying to understand the proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania dog law regulations issued on December 16, 2006. We all know that there are some very bad kennels in our state and they should not be tolerated, but I do not agree that most of the proposed changes are needed. They are impractical, unenforceable and will not improve the quality of life of the unfortunate dogs that are kept in Pennsylvania's puppy mills. Real enforcement of the existing regulations is what is needed, and those that have serious violations should be closed down.

I am particularly concerned about the smaller breeders, who keep their dogs in their own residential premises but are covered by the Pennsylvania dog law. These people, and I know many personally, provide excellent care of their dogs. Their knowledge and expertise in raising and caring for their dogs is far superior to the new proposals. These breeders would not be able to comply with the new regulations. Sadly, these dedicated people would have to cease their operation. There is a demand for purebred dogs and if the public does not have the opportunity to purchase a carefully bred and socialized puppy you will only be giving more business to the puppy mills, and contributing to an increase in the dogs ending up in rescue.

I respectfully suggest that you consider the more detailed comments on this proposal by the Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs. This organization represents the knowledgeable, hard working, dedicated citizens of Pennsylvania who are involved in all aspects of the dog fancy.

Sincerely,

Dorothy A. Heffner

CC:PFDC

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I strongly urge that this proposal be withdrawn

Sincerely,

Cindy Grenchko-Beilman
Jermyn, PA

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Scranton Pa.*

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Sandra E. Barto

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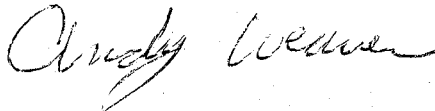
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Yours sincerely,



Weaver And Dishong
1561 Stephenson Rd
Smicksburg, PA 16256

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Yours truly,



ALAN CAPLAN

Petland-Waterworks
967 Freeport Rd
Pittsburgh, PA 15238

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**Kale Creek Kennel
RR 1 Box 62G
Sayre, PA 18840**

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Yours Sincerely,

Harold V. Cole

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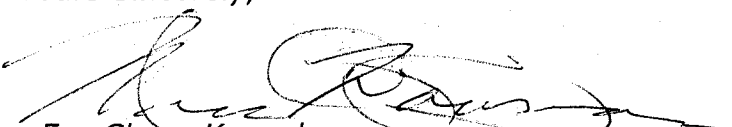
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Yours Sincerely,


Fox Chase Kennel
2455 Somerset Pike
Johnstown, PA 15905

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Beef Creek Kennel
6782 Fisher Rd
Conneautville, PA 16406

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Ted Williamson

Barb Phares

Pine Creek Kennel
18015 Greytown Hill Rd
Cambridge Springs, PA 16403

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Glenwood Kennel
953 Glenwood Dr.
Ephrata, PA 17522

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Perry Darkay Kennels
1798 Timber Rd
Newport, PA 17074

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B-J's Kennel
1912 State Route 18
Enon Valley, PA 16120

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Sincerely,

Betty J. Kuehn
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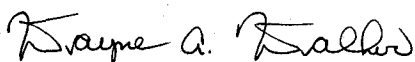
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Wayne A. Walker

395 Indian Ridge Rd

Lewisburg, PA 17837

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**KEYSTONE FARMS KENNEL
213 EMU LANE
SHIPPENVILLE, PA 16254**

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Allan K Smith

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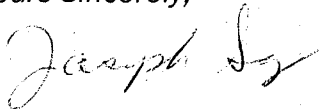
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Yours Sincerely,



Grays Beagles
1751 Route 168
Georgetown, PA 15043

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Mark S. Leid
595 Martindale Rd.
Ephrata, PA 17522

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Eva S. Weaver
851 Grist Mill Road
New Holland, PA 17557

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Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

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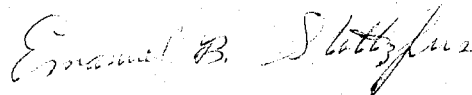
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Yours Sincerely,



Emanuel B Stoltzfus
160 North Birdell Rd
Honey Brook, PA 19344

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Yours Sincerely,

Bob Morrison

Halliday South Kennel
1921 Flegal Rd
Clearfield, PA 16830

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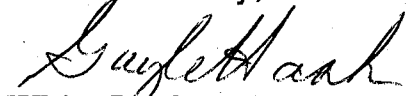
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White Birch
19 White Birch Rd
Moscow, PA 18444

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Pets Fifth Avenue
370 S. Fifth Avenue
Clarion, PA 16214

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*Beaver Creek Kennel
37 Castle Finn Rd
Delta, PA 17314*

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Mary K. Martin

Hickory Meadows Kennel
954 Center Church Road
East Earl, PA 17519

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Karra Kennel
389 Millway Rd
Ephrata, PA 17522

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Yours Sincerely,

Ray Jimenez
Karra Kennel

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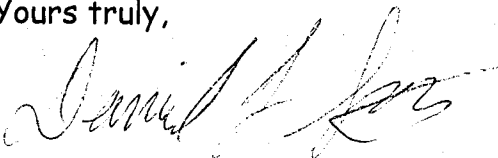
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255 School Lane Rd
Gap, PA 17527

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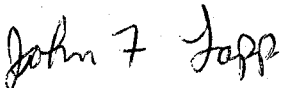
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5459 Buena Vista Rd
Gap, PA 17527

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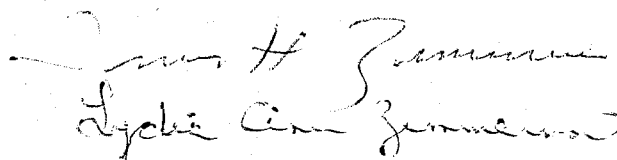
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Sandy Slope Kennel
769 Red Run Rd
New Holland, PA 17557

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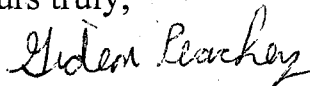
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Gideon Peachy
65 S. B Lane
Bellville, PA 17004

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**223 REFTON ROAD
NEW PROVIDENCE, PA 17560**

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Yours Sincerely, *Samuel E King Jr.*

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*Allen B And Mary W Zimmerman Kennel
343 Reidenbach Rodd
New Holland, PA 17557*

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403 Irvin Ridge Road
McVeytown, PA 17051

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McVeytown, PA 17051**

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Richard Z. Martin
726 Fivepointville Road
Denver, PA 17517

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*A. A. Ridgewood Kennels N Puppies Boutique
207 N. Market St
Elizabethtown, PA 17022*

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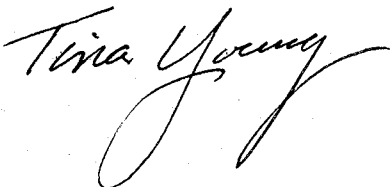
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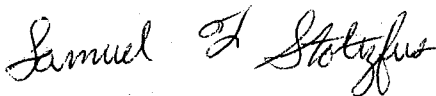
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Gordonville, PA 17529

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Mark Hoover

Handyman Kennels
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Narvon, PA 17555

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Noah E. Zimmerman

Whispering Pines Kennel
235 Diehl Rd
Mifflinburg, PA 17844

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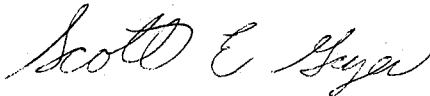
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Guyer's Dog Grooming & Boarding Kennel
177 Remington Ln.
New Enterprise, PA 16664

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Tyrone, Pa. 16684

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Newburg, PA 17240

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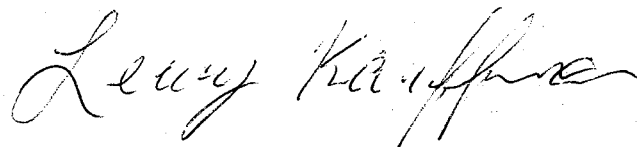
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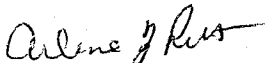
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Lititz, PA 17543

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 Willowood Toy Dog Kennel
 1112 Berne Dr.
 Auburn, PA 17922

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*Professional show handler
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New Castle, PA 16101

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KIMBERTON, PA 19442

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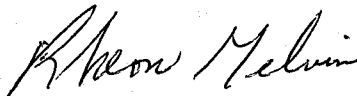
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Gelvin's Kennel
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Hustontown, PA 17229

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Vernon Bauman
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JOHNATHAN MARK KING
155 ENGLETON ROAD
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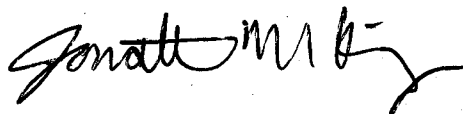
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I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded and the USDA standard be adopted in Pennsylvania.

Yours Sincerely,

Samuel J. King

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Barmyre Kennels
434 Pinola Rd
Shippensburg, PA 17257

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January 22, 2007

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

Dear Ms. Bender,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed changes to the Dog Law Act 225 which was issued on December 16, 2006. I completely understand that substandard kennel conditions should not be permitted, but most of the proposed regulatory changes are impractical and costly.

These proposals call for change in definitions and requirements of licensed and inspected kennels within the Commonwealth. These extensive changes must go through Pennsylvania's House and Senate legislative processes.

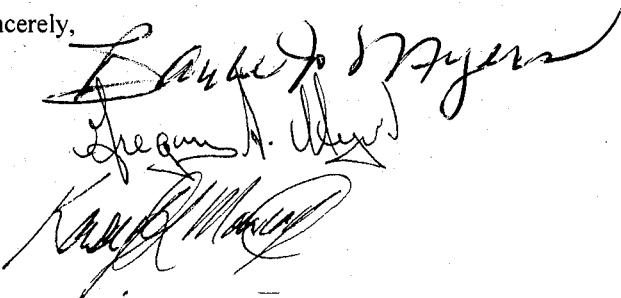
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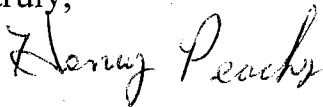
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The proposed regulations will require a substantial increase in manpower with many hours dedicated to filling out bureaucratic reports or recordkeeping which the department already has.

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The current proposed appears to be over idealistic in term of improving the welfare of dogs. I urge that this proposal be rescinded and an approach similar to the USDA standards be developed.

Yours truly,



Henry Peachy
323 Water St.
Allensville, PA 17002

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January 22, 2007

Dear Ms. Bender,

I am writing in response to the proposed amendments to the Dog Law Act 225 which was issued on December 16, 2006.

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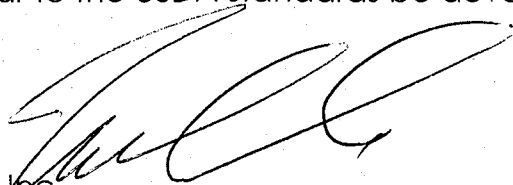
The proposals referencing housing and social interaction of dogs of different sizes are contrary to good husbandry, socializing and training practices. Furthermore, there is no scientific or accepted husbandry basis for the amended space and exercise requirements.

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Yours sincerely,



We Love Pets, Inc.
459 Baltimore Pike
Springfield, PA 19064

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K-9 Designs Pet Paradise Inc
92 Level Road
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January 20, 2007

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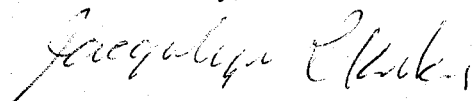
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Yours Sincerely,



Jacquelyn M. Reikowski

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Joe F. Kauffman
358 Bell Rd
Christiana, PA 17509

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Yours Sincerely,



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Bender, Mary

From: Kittens Unlimited Cat Rescue [kittensunlimited@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, January 20, 2007 1:21 PM
To: mabender@state.pa.us
Subject: Dog Law Advisory Board

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only email*

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

Dear Ms. Bender:

As a dog lover and an animal advocate, I applaud the steps recently taken by the Dog Law Advisory Board to update the antiquated regulations that have left thousands of PA dogs suffering on a daily basis.

The new regulations, introduced on December 16, 2006, are practical, enforceable, and will greatly improve the quality of life for the dogs living in the commercial breeding kennels. Moreover, those breeders opposing the regulations, based upon the costs they will incur to implement the necessary changes, do not have the dogs' best interest at heart. Clearly, these are the breeders who should be out of the business should they choose not to support or comply with the new regulations; the issue is the health of the dogs - not the money in the breeder's - or dog registry's - pocket.

It is absolutely documented by canine authorities that daily exercise, grooming, proper veterinary care and quality housing all serve to promote canine health and mental balance.

The Bureau has my whole-hearted support to implement the new regulations and to continue policing and shutting down the substandard kennels that have littered our state to such a degree that we're known as the 'Puppy Mill Capital' of the east.

Sincerely,

Kittens Unlimited Cat Rescue
Rachel,
Reynoldsburg Ohio

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Rachel
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February 2, 2007

Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
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Harrisburg, PA 17101
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Dear Mr. Coccodrilli,

I am writing to let you know of my support for the following changes to the outdated kennel regulations:

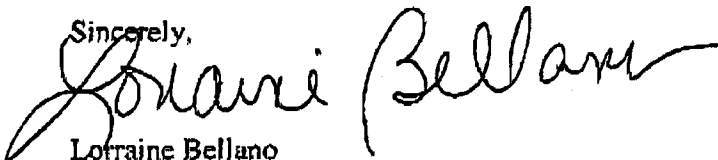
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- requiring daily exercise outside of the cage
- required heat when the temperature drops below 50 degrees
- required cooling (by fan or air conditioning) when the temperature rises above 85 degrees
- improving ventilation in kennel areas
- denying kennel licenses to individuals convicted of animal cruelty within the past 10 years
- the detailed comments submitted by The Humane Society of the United States

I am also concerned that the animal shelters and rescue groups may be affected by the kennel regulations due to the addition of a new definition of "temporary home." Please provide an exemption for shelters from the kennel expansion and exercise requirements. Additionally, foster homes should be exempt from kennel housing requirements and instead have separate performance standards appropriate for home care settings.

These changes will improve the living conditions of dogs who suffer in puppy mills. And we as Pennsylvanians will not longer be embarrassed about our puppy mills.

Thanks for your support!

Sincerely,



Lorraine Bellano

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2/2/2007

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Hello,

I am writing to voice my support for changes in the outdated kennel regulations in Pennsylvania. I also support the detailed comments submitted by The Humane Society of the United States. I believe that the following requirements should be improved:

- doubling the minimum cage size
- requiring daily exercise outside of the cage
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- improving ventilation in kennel areas
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The above improvements are a necessity for humane treatment towards dogs.

Subsequently, I would like to recommend that shelters and foster homes be exempt from kennel housing requirements (including kennel expansion and exercise requirements) and instead have separate performance standards appropriate for shelter, or home care settings.

Sincerely,

Brenda Hook

West Chester Pa, 19380

Brenda Hook 2/2/07

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From: Sherry Frey-Brown

202 Mulberry Place

Doulassville, PA 19518

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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
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This is a message regarding the support of new, more humane regulations for dogs in
Puppy Mills in Pennsylvania.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sherry Frey-Brown
202 Mulberry Place
Douglassville, PA 19518

Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101
Fax: 717-783-2664

Dear Mr. Coccodrilli:

Pennsylvania is known by many as the "puppy mill capital of the East." And for years Pennsylvania residents have called upon their legislators and regulators to clean up the cruel puppy mills that brutalize dogs and tarnish the state's image.

Last December, changes were suggested to improve the outdated kennel regulations used to inspect commercial breeding operations in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvanians are now able to shape the future of puppy mills in PA by sharing their thoughts on those suggested improvements. Since the comment period closes March 16, I wanted to make sure my voice was heard in support of better treatment for dogs in puppy mills. If the proposed regulations are approved, dogs in Pennsylvania puppy mills will be provided with more space, will have better protection from the elements and will have time outside of their cages for exercise.

The proposed changes could improve the living conditions of dogs that currently suffer in puppy mills. With your support, changes to the regulations that affect dogs in puppy mills could include the following requirements:

- » Doubling the minimum cage size
- » Requiring daily exercise outside of the cage
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There has been some concern that animal shelters and rescue groups may be affected by the kennel regulations due to the addition of a new definition of "temporary home." I would like to ask for an exemption for shelters from the kennel expansion and exercise requirements. Also I would like to note that foster homes should be exempt from kennel housing requirements and instead have separate performance standards appropriate for home care settings.

This matter personally affects my husband and I since we have adopted dogs that came from situations of neglect and possible abuse. We do so because we are avid animal lovers who feel all animals need a home, food, medical care and especially love.

We thank you very much for your consideration in helping make Pennsylvania the state that cares about dogs and all animals. Animals are innocent and helpless against people so we need to protect and respect them and their living environment...we need laws to protect them as well.

Best regards,



Sherry Frey-Brown

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Nancy Canova
607 Bunker Hill Road, Strasburg, PA 17579

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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
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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:

I am contacting you regarding Decembers' amended Dog Law Regulations. I am hoping that these regulations become Law, and are heavily enforced, with the strongest of felony punishments.

I would like to thank the Bureau of Dog Law for proposing new and amended kennel regulations to improve the living conditions of the dogs in commercial breeding kennels. I fully support the proposed kennel regulations and welcome their passage!

Veterinarian practice, animal behaviorists and other animal care givers have substantiated the type and level of care these animals require for a healthy life. I feel the amended regulations will reflect these current care standards and are necessary to insure ethical and humane conditions needed for better overall quality of life. These animals need humane living conditions, including, but not limited to:

- Large enough, individual cages;
- Minimal exercise requirements of 20 minutes per day;
- Temperature control, heating for degrees that fall under 50 degrees fareinheit, cooling when temperatures rise above 80 degrees fareinheit, and proper ventilation;
- Removal of all animals, when cleaning of crates takes place;
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The passage of these kennel regulations will also make Pennsylvania's Department of Agriculture a national leader and diminish Pennsylvania's reputation as "Puppy Mill Capital of the East Coast."

Once again, I support and encourage the proposed kennel regulations!

Sincerely,

Nancy Canova

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Betsy L. Canova
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Holly Moskerintz
911 North, Street | Jim Thorpe, PA 18229
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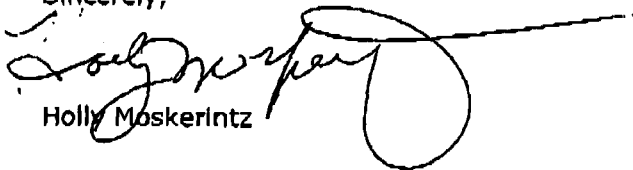
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Fax: 717-783-2664

Dear Mr. Coccodrilli and Ms. Bender:

Please help Pennsylvania to not be referred to as the "puppy mill capital of the East" and to make Pennsylvania a more humane place for dogs, as well as other animals. I support Governor Ed Rendell's commitment to help the tens of thousands of dogs affected by Pennsylvania puppy mills and his proposed changes to the outdated kennel regulations which would improve the living conditions of dogs who currently are suffering the inhumane conditions in these puppy mills.

I hope you too support Governor Rendell's proposals and you have some room in your heart to protect the dogs that are currently suffering under current Pennsylvania law.

Sincerely,


Holly Moskerintz

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I would like to voice my whole-hearted support for the new, more humane regulations that would dramatically improve living conditions for thousands of dogs. I would also like to give my support for the detailed comments submitted by The Humane Society of the United States.

Thank you and hopefully we can finally do "the right thing" for animals and clean up Pennsylvania's image.

Sincerely


Jeffrey Graver
8 Pine Road
Malvern, PA 19355

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Mr. Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

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REVIEW COMMISSION

Re: Pennsylvania Puppy Mills

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli,

As Pennsylvania residents and tax payers, we are not very proud of living in a place known as the puppy mill capital of the East. We personally have stronger emotional ties with this matter because we purchased our beloved dog Sunny from one of the Lancaster based puppy mills. Sunny is 10 years old. She has had temperamental problems all her life. We rarely invite anyone to our house because we are afraid that Sunny would attack our guests. When we walk her outside we have to be very diligent not letting her to be near anyone. She also has had health problems all her life. Sunny is a direct victim and living witness of puppy mill cruelty. Puppy mills are like an ulcer in Pennsylvania. They hurt the animals and break the animal lovers' hearts.

We, as PA tax payers, strongly support the proposed changes that will provide better living conditions for dogs in puppy mills. We also strongly support tougher and stricter requirements for issuing kennel licenses to puppy mills. However we will support an exemption for shelters from the kennel expansion and exercise requirements and also an exemption for foster homes from kennel housing requirements.

We will closely monitor this matter and be glad to receive any updates.

Thank you very much for the initiatives!

Sincerely!

June Zhao, PhD

Tom McConnell, Attorney at Law

909 Chowning Dr
Hummelstown, PA 17036
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H. D. Mattingly
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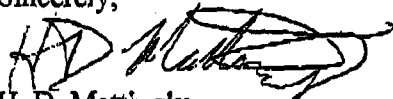
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Puppy mills proliferate inferior genetic material, to say nothing of the truly inhumane conditions these poor breeding dogs live in, so that some disgusting, inferior, ignorant "humans" can turn a profit. My opinion is that companion animal breeding ought to be confined to a very few, heavily regulated, conscientious experts. Your State is to be commended for its efforts to improve the situation. May I suggest to amend the legislation to exempt foster homes and shelters for rescue animals from this proposed legislation, and to regulate their activities separately.

Thank you for supporting the cause of animals depending totally on your protection!

Sincerely,



H. D. Mattingly
E-mail pretzelbaker@aol.com

- Cc:
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 2. Arthur Cocodrilli, Chairman
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Trish Wegner
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Naperville, IL 60540
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Trish Wegner
E-mail bobtrish7@aol.com

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Marjorie-Ann Faucher
806 American General Drive
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RE: CHANGES TO KENNEL REGULATIONS

Ms. Bender,

I am writing to show my support for the changes to the regulations that affects dogs in puppy mills. It's embarrassing and disgusting that animals are allowed to be kept in deplorable conditions and I'm glad to see changes taking place to address this.

Animals need room to move, daily exercise, adequate heating and cooling, and sanitary living conditions. The consequences against people who deny them these basic living conditions in the pursuit of profit should be strong and expensive. They must also never have the opportunity to hurt other animals again.

I appreciate the labor and time The Humane Society of the United States spent on this issue and I hope their comments are taken into consideration. I also want to thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Marjorie-Ann Faucher

CC:

Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
Fax: 717-783-2664

Robert C. Wonderling
State Senator
Fax: (717) 787-8004

Hon. Richard T. Grucela
State Representative
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211 Harvey Road
Chadds Ford, PA 19317
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Dear Ms. Bender:

I am writing in support of better treatment of dogs in puppy mills. I support the new, more humane regulations as submitted by The Humane Society of the United States. I would like the dogs in Pennsylvania puppy mills to be provided with more space, more protection from the elements, and more time outside of their cages for exercise. These reforms are long overdue.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Denise B. Carr

Cc Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101
Fax: 717-783-2664

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Pittston, PA
January 21, 2007

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

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Dear Ms. Bender:

Having purchased dogs from wonderful, ethical, professional breeders, and having clean, air conditioned/heated boarding kennels, owned and operated by animal loving, ethical professionals in our area, I feel compelled to voice my opinion.

Although, perhaps, well intentioned, the proposed amendments of December 16, 2006 to the Pennsylvania Dog Law Regulations greatly concern me.

I agree that inhumane and substandard kennel conditions should not be tolerated, however, I emphatically disagree with the proposed regulatory changes.

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I strongly urge that this proposal be withdrawn

Sincerely,

Katy M. O'Hara
KATY M. O'HARA ✓

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From: Katy <katy62@comcast.net>
 To: <>
 Date: Saturday, January 20, 2007 12:53:31 PM
 Subject:
 Folder: Inbox/Jim Doble

Hi all,

If you could simply, copy, sign, mail or fax (717-772-4352), it will be *greatly* appreciated. We thank you in advance.

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

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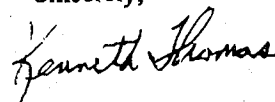
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M. Richard B. Burtis

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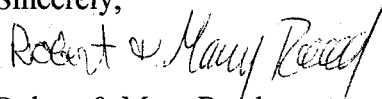
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Robert & Mary Reed
617 Timber Lane
Clarks Summit, PA 18411-2407

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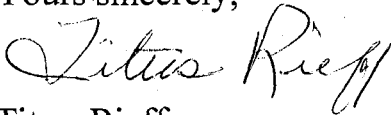
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Yours sincerely,



Titus Rieff
370 Spring Grove Road
East Earl, PA 17519

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Yours truly,



Schoeneck Kennel
1610 Steinmetz Rd
Stevens, PA 17578

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DAVID E. KING
329-A CENTERVILLE RD
GORDONVILLE, PA 17529

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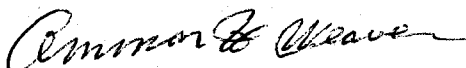
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Yours sincerely,



Weaver Kennel
320 Conestoga Creek Rd
Ephrata, PA 17522

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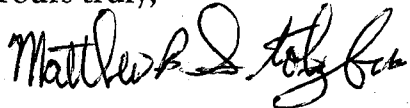
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Yours truly,



Matthew B Stoltzfus
346 Millwood Road
Gap, PA 17527

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West Wynd Kennel
380 Limestone Road
Milton, PA 17847

Mervin Hoover

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492 Hill Road
Honey Brook, PA 19344

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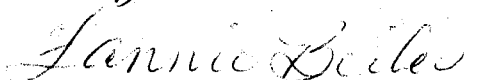
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January 23, 2007

Dear Ms. Bender,

As a kennel owner for a good number of years, I appreciate the fact that the bureau has helped to improve the dog laws. With regard to the proposed dog law changes Act 225 issued on December 16, 2006, I have a few serious concerns.

The proposed changes would require the kennel owner to record every time a water bowl or food pan is washed, every time the primary and secondary pen enclosures are cleaned, the feeding and watering dates and times, etc. These excessive and burdensome requirements will require a substantial increase in manpower with many hours dedicated to filling out written bureaucratic reports and divert the small business owner's time away from caring for their animals.

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The proposed changes make no sense for all kennel owners' dogs to be seized by the Dog Law Bureau based on the Governor's proposed new requirements for pen sized or quarantine regulations. Dog Law places the same dog into a humane society not required to have the proposed new standards. It is vital to have fair and uniform kennel requirements. In addition, small business owners are affected greatly and their due process rights in court are limited if the proposed changes adopted.

I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded.

Yours Sincerely,



Haegele Rottweilers Kennel
1721 Highpoint Rd
Coopersburg, PA 18036

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Mark S Weaver
320 Conestoga Creek Rd
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Aaron K Lantz Kennel
111-W. Reistville Rd.
Myerstown, PA 17067

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These proposals call for change in definitions and requirements of licensed and inspected kennels within the Commonwealth. These extensive changes must go through Pennsylvania's House and Senate legislative processes.

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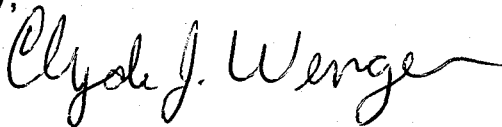
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Yours sincerely,



Clyde Wenger
529 North Erisman Road
Manheim, PA 17545

January 24, 2007

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Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

Dear Ms. Bender,

As a Pennsylvania breeder, I am strongly opposed to the overly restrictive rules and regulations that are proposed for kennel owners. The enforcement of regulations such as these will effectively serve to shut down or severely curtail the activities of the concerned, caring and law-abiding breeders in Pennsylvania. The extensive number of regulations outlined in this proposal and the limited time allotted prevents the proper consultation and review of these regulations with our kennel veterinarian and other professionals. Therefore, in order to allow for the proper review and consultation of this extensive proposal, I request a ninety-day extension of the comment period.

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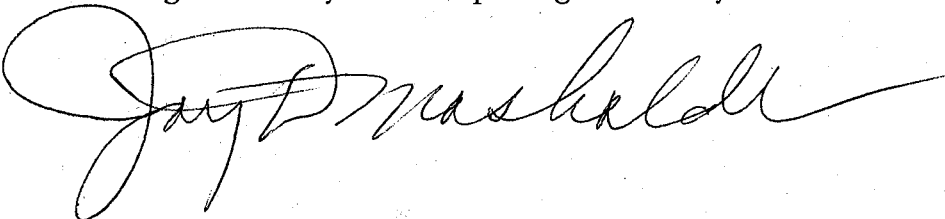
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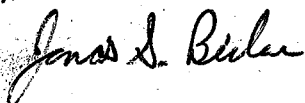
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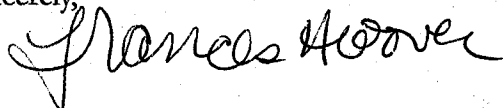
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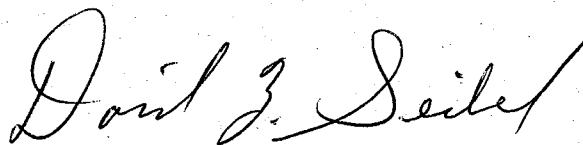
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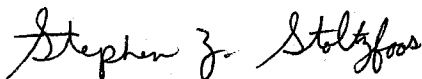
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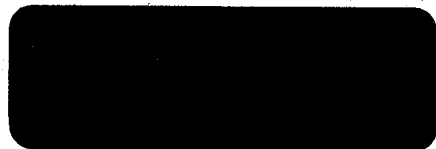
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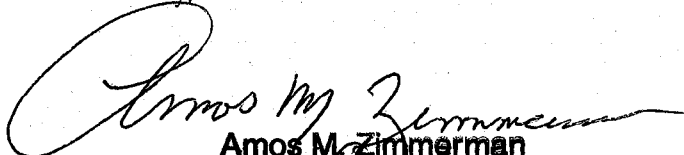
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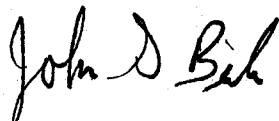
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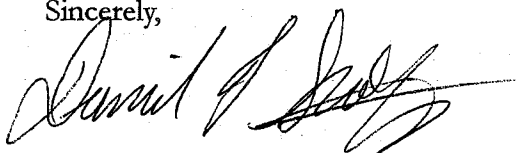
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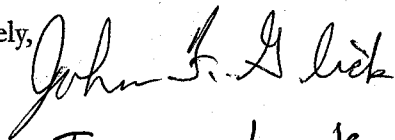
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85 Archery Rd.
New Providence, Pa. 17560

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Bender, Mary

From: magic26@comcast.net
Sent: Saturday, January 20, 2007 11:24 AM
To: mabender@state.pa.us

*No address
only email*

Dear Ms. Bender:

As a dog lover and an animal advocate, I applaud the steps recently taken by the Dog Law Advisory Board to update the antiquated regulations that have left thousands of PA dogs suffering on a daily basis.

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It is absolutely documented by canine authorities that daily exercise, grooming, proper veterinary care and quality housing all serve to promote canine health and mental balance.

The Bureau has my whole-hearted support to implement the new regulations and to continue policing and shutting down the substandard kennels that have littered our state to such a degree that we're known as the 'Puppy Mill Capital' of the east.

Sincerely,
Patricia Darrah

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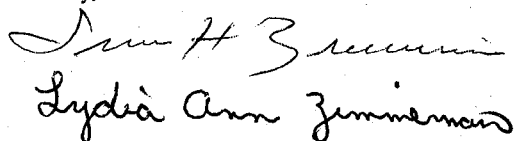
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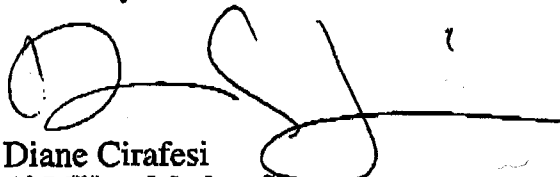
Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Mr. Coccodrilli,

I would like to voice my whole-hearted support for the new, more humane regulations that would dramatically improve living conditions for thousands of dogs. I would also like to give my support for the detailed comments submitted by The Humane Society of the United States.

Thank you and hopefully we can finally do "the right thing" for animals and clean up Pennsylvania's image.

Sincerely



Diane Cirafesi
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West Chester, PA 19382

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Nancy Tornetta
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Sent Via Fax: 717-783-2664

Dear Mr. Coccodrilli:

I am writing today to hopefully have some influence in your understanding how important it is to the State of Pennsylvania to support the proposed changes to the regulations that affect dogs in puppy mills in our state. I have never felt that I would be considered a dog-fanatic, but anyone that has been made aware of the awful conditions in which these animals are kept would want to see a change made. Pennsylvania should no longer bear the embarrassment of being home to these awful places and you can make the difference. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Nancy D. Tornetta

610-454-0567

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Attention: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman

I am dropping a quick letter hoping you will support the more humane regulations for puppy mills in Pennsylvania.

Thank you for your time,
Joe Hollerich

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Arthur Cocodrill.
Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission.

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I am asking you to help the dogs and puppies in the commercial breeding operations in your state. Please help and set new laws in so the dogs can have better treatment, better way to live, and to be treated right way. You can be the voice for them they need you.

Thank You

David Blankenship



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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

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
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Dear Ms. Bender:

I have recently heard from a friend of mine who lives in Lancaster County about the proposed new and amended kennel regulations. I would like to take a moment to applaud you and your department for proposing these new regulations in an effort to improve the living conditions in commercial breeding kennels. It is encouraging to know that the appropriate steps are being taken to ensure that these animals are receiving better care.

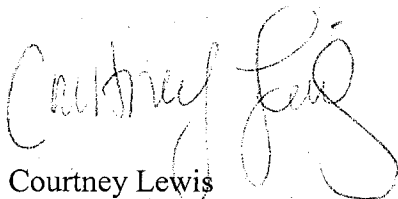
I completely support the proposed kennel regulations and look forward to their passing in the near future.

The proposed regulations, such as, providing 20 minutes of exercise time daily for each dog and denying kennel licenses for those convicted of animal cruelty with the past ten years will be instrumental in ensuring that these animals begin to receive the ethical and humane treatment that they deserve.

The passing of this legislation will aid in removing Pennsylvania's tarnished image as the "Puppy Mill Capital of the East Coast".

You have my complete support in the passing of proposed kennel regulations.

Sincerely,



Courtney Lewis
426 W. Lemon St.
Lancaster, PA 17603

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January 2007

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Harrisburg PA 17110-9408

Dear Ms. Bender:

I recently heard from a co-worker about the proposed new and amended kennel regulations and first off, I would like to thank the Bureau of Dog Law for proposing these new regulations to improve the living conditions of the dogs in commercial breeding kennels.

I fully support the proposed kennel regulations and welcome their passage!

Veterinarian practice, animal behaviorists and other animal care givers have substantiated the type and level of care these animals require for a healthy life. I feel the amended regulations will reflect these current care standards and are necessary to insure ethical and humane conditions needed for better overall quality of life.

The passage of these kennel regulations will also make Pennsylvania's Department of Agriculture a national leader and diminish Pennsylvania's reputation as "Puppy Mill Capital of the East Coast."

Once again, I support and encourage the proposed kennel regulations!

Sincerely,



Emily Peterson
319 N. Stratton St.
Gettysburg PA 17325

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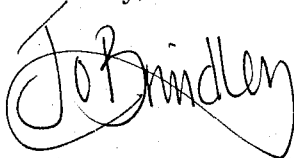
I wanted to inform you and your department that I fully support the proposed kennel regulations and will be looking forward to their passing in the upcoming months!

I feel the amended regulations, such as removing the dogs from their cage before being cleaned, adequate lighting, walking each dog at least 20 minutes per day will reflect the care standards that are needed to insure ethical and humane conditions needed for better overall quality of life for our canine companions.

The passage of these kennel regulations will also make Pennsylvania's Department of Agriculture a national leader and diminish Pennsylvania's reputation as "Puppy Mill Capital of the East Coast" something I am sure your department would like to be known for in future generations.

Once again, I support and encourage the passing of proposed kennel regulations!

Sincerely,



525 S. Hanover St.
Carlisle, PA 17013



ANN'S CANINE CLASSES

9001 Hamot Road

Waterford, PA 16441

(814) 864-3335

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January 25, 2007

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

Ref: Comments on the December 16, 2006 proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania Dog Law Regulations

To Whom It May Concern,

The following comments are concerning proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania dog law regulations issued on December 16, 2006. Certainly there needs to be laws pertaining to inhumane treatment and unhealthy living conditions for dogs (and all animals). But I do not believe most of the proposed amendments are not practical, enforceable or necessarily good animal husbandry practices. Legislation to eradicate puppy mills is definitely a priority but impractical legislation that will severely limit the efforts of hobbyists to own, show, raise well socialized puppies that any citizen would be proud to own would be counter-productive.

*Therefore the proposals pertaining to housing and social interaction of dogs of different sizes are contrary to good husbandry, socialization and training practices and should be withdrawn.

* There is no reason to regulate small residential hobby and show breeding households. The "temporary housing" amendment should be withdrawn.

* There is no scientific or accepted husbandry basis for the amended space and exercise requirements. Any space or exercise requirements provided by a dog by a caring owner sure beats shelter life. Give THEM a break. This amendment should be withdrawn.

* The regulations requiring renovation, or rebuilding, of kennels already built in compliance with current federal and/or state standards. There is no scientific foundation for the standards specified. This amendment should be withdrawn.

It should be kept in mind that over-regulation seems to tip the scale in favor of the "commercial" entity and against the "hobbyist" who strive to promote proper dog socialization and responsible pet ownership. When all is said and done, the biggest loser will be the DOGS. I foresee shelters over-flowing with innocent victims of non-compliance of the "dog laws" - the very laws that were supposed to give them a "better" life.

Please withdraw the proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania Dog Law Regulations.

Sincerely,

Ann Gehrlein

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Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
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January 11, 2007

Re. Doc. No. 06-2452

Dear Ms. Bender,

It has been brought to my attention through several canine support groups that there are specific concerns about the newly proposed amendments to the PA dog law regulations. As the owner of 2 purebred companion dogs, I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed changes.

I purchased each of my dogs from a private reputable breeder, not a pet shop or large-scale commercial kennel, because I wanted the best chance at getting a healthy dog with a good temperament. I wanted to know that my puppy had been exposed to a variety of normal household situations and was prepared to live the life of a family companion. By buying directly from a breeder, who screens the pups for the right placements I was able to see the conditions in which my puppy was raised, and was confident that I was getting the right dog for my situation.

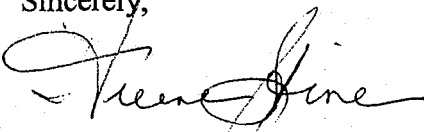
I am aware that many of these changes were created as a way to handle the ever growing problem of puppy mills in PA. For this I applaud you and Gov. Rendell. The proposed changes, however, particularly those applying to "Kennels- Primary Enclosures", are of grave concern to me. I understand that these changes will place an unfair burden on the small scale 'hobby' breeder. Small scale breeders who fall into the class 1 designation, would no longer be able to maintain, breed, whelp or raise their dogs within their homes. These breeders, who strive to produce dogs, which are true to breed type, of good temperament, and, free from genetic disorders, would be forced to restrict their numbers, build facilities to meet the standards or stop breeding altogether.

I credit both my dogs' good temperament to thoughtful breeding and to the love and attention that was given to the pups. Most importantly, this included exposure to everyday sights and sounds, such as:

- 1) My dogs were both given the opportunity to interact with other dogs, as pups, which helped socialize them and enables them to meet other dogs that we encounter, without fear or aggression.
- 2) My puppies were taken outside to go potty on grass regularly. This helped with the housebreaking process.
- 3) In a home situation, as opposed to a kennel both of my pups were exposed to different surfaces to walk on and they experienced all sorts of noises such as kitchen appliances, television and other things that they would encounter each day.

While I do indeed applaud the efforts to improve the living conditions of the dogs and puppies being raised in commercial facilities, I find it a great disservice to the reputable breeder, who has standards, which far surpass, in many ways, what these proposed amendments mandate. I, for one, oppose these changes since I feel it is my choice how and from whom I purchase my dogs. Your changes will take that choice from me and others, as many small scale breeders will be forced from breeding.

Sincerely,



Helene Stine

Ms. Mary Bender
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
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Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
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Re. Doc. No. 06-2452

Dear Ms. Bender,

It has been brought to my attention the newly proposed amendments to the PA dog law regulations. As the owner of several companion dogs, I am writing to express my concerns and opposition to the proposed changes.

I purchased my dog directly from a reputable breeder, not a pet shop or large-scale commercial kennel, because I wanted the best chance at getting a healthy dog with a good temperament. I wanted to know that my puppy had been exposed to a variety of normal household situations and was prepared to live the life of a family companion. By buying directly from a breeder, I was able to see the conditions in which my puppy was raised.

The proposed changes, particularly those applying to "Kennels- Primary Enclosures", are of particular concern to me. It is my understanding that in these proposed changes, if a cumulative total of 26 dogs are housed at "the Establishment" during a calendar year, then licensed breeders will be required to have housing facilities that comply with the specifications outlined in the proposed changes. Small scale breeders who fall into the class 1 designation, would no longer be able to maintain, breed, whelp or raise their dogs within their homes. These breeders, who strive to produce dogs which are true to breed type, of good temperament, and, inasmuch as possible, free from genetic disorders, would be forced to either restrict their numbers or build facilities to meet the standards.

I credit my dog's good temperament to thoughtful breeding and to the love and attention that my breeder gave my puppy. Most importantly, this included exposure to everyday sights and sounds, such as:

- 1) My puppy was taken outside to potty on grass regularly. This is of importance to me, as it helped with the housebreaking process.
- 2) In a home situation, my puppy was exposed to different surfaces and noises such as kitchen appliances, television and other noises that occur in my home.
- 3) My puppy was given opportunity to interact with other dogs, helping with social skills needed to meet other dogs we come in contact with.

While I applaud the efforts to improve the living conditions for the dogs and puppies being raised in commercial facilities, I find it a great disservice to the reputable breeder, who standards far surpass in many ways, what these proposed amendments mandate. I, for one, want the choice to buy from a small scale, reputable breeder, and oppose these amendments.

Sincerely,



Mark G. Criste
1002 Park Blvd.
Altoona, Pa. 16601

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Ms. Mary Bender
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

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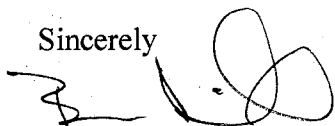
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Sincerely



Bonnie Diehl

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January 31, 2007

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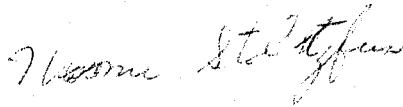
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I appreciate that fact that the bureau has helped to improve the dog laws in the past several years. However, the current proposed regulation changes have appeared to be intentionally burdensome and go far beyond mere rulemaking. The proposals add completely new categories and definition. These changes must be addressed through the legislative process.

The proposed changes require the kennel owner to record every time a water bowl or food pan is washed, every time the primary and secondary pen enclosures are cleaned, and the feeding and watering dates and times, etc. All these burdensome and excessive requirements will require a substantial increase in manpower with many hours dedicated to filling out written bureaucratic reports and divert the small business owner's time away from caring for their animals.

The Departments direction and intentions are neither attributed as accepted canine husbandry practices nor substantiated by science. The Department should base their changes on education to improve the industry. I request that this proposal be withdrawn.

Yours sincerely,



Naomi Stoltzfus
5381 Amish Road
Gap, PA 17527

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Pete Mays
25 Hickory Lane
Ephrata, PA 17522-8823

January 20, 2007

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

Dear Ms. Bender,

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With a full understanding that the bureau is trying to improve substandard kennel conditions, I am not in agreement that most of the changes are necessary.

The proposed record keeping would require me to write down the date and time I washed each food and water bowl, every time a pen is cleaned; each individual outside run is cleaned, etc. It would be better for me to have my general daily procedures that I routinely follow, in writing. This is similar to how the USDA regulations are worded.

The proposed changes would also require the demolition of Pennsylvania's licensed and inspected kennels. Yet, there is no scientific basis for the change. In addition, the average cost to rebuild kennel will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 each.

I sincerely urge that this proposal be withdrawn, as the beneficial outcome will be in question if the proposal is adopted.

Yours truly,

Pete Mays

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Mount Rock Kennels
7243 Rice Rd
Shippensburg, PA 17257

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Luke R. Martin

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January 24, 2007

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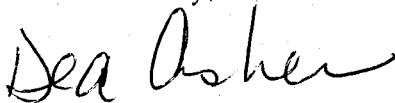
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Yours sincerely,



Stewards Pet Resort Kennel
3914 Pyle Rd
Chadds Ford, PA 19317

Merrilie S Yorty, breeding Kennel
53 Penny Lane
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

January 23, 2007

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Yours truly,

Merrilie S. Yorty

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Joanna Newswanger
342 East Brubaker Valley Road
Lititz, PA 17543

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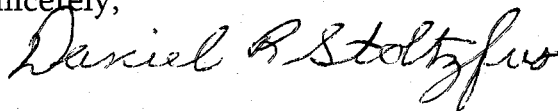
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Daniel R. Stoltzfus
182 W. Main Street
Rebersburg, PA 16872

Miles Of Dachschunds
RR 1 Box 18
Spring Creek, PA 16436

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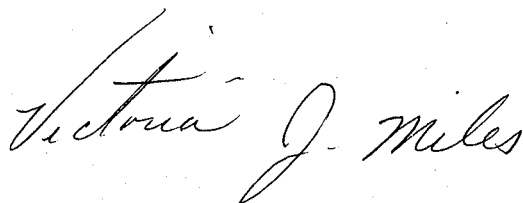
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January 22, 2007

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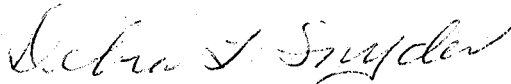
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Snyder's Hungry Hollow
1571 Hungry Hollow Rd
Leechburg, PA 15656

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Meadow Stream
193 Given Rd
Honey Brook, PA 19344

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Monster Pets
27 Snyder Plaza East
Philadelphia, PA 19148

January 23, 2007

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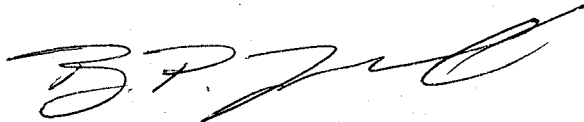
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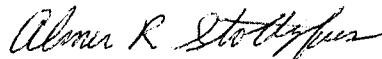
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193 Given Road
Honey Brook, PA 19344-9751

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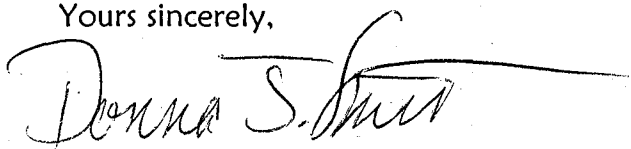
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Donna J. Smith
213 Emu Lane
Shippenville, PA 16254

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Midnight Kennel
84 Wertman Rd
Quakake, PA 18245

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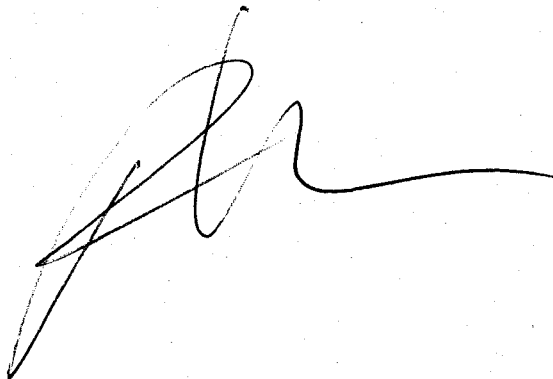
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Mr. Robert Ecker
PO Box 84
Quakake, PA 18245

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Mel-Rrene Kennels
460 Beaver Run Rd
Mifflinburg, PA 17844

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Meadow View - B
2963 Miller Lane
Bird In Hand, PA 17505

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353 East Eby Rd
Leola, PA 17540

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148 Rancks Church Road
New Holland, PA 17557

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Yours truly,



Marvin Zimmerman Kennel
119 Old School Ln.
New Enterprise, PA 16664

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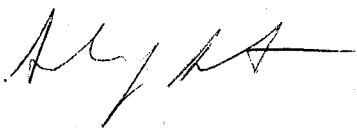
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252 View Drive
Rebersburg, PA 16872

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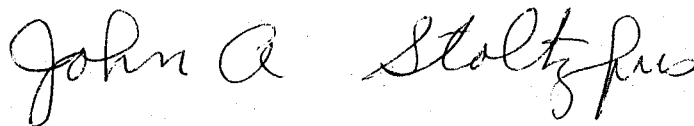
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5129 Brush Valley Rd
Rebersburg, PA 16875

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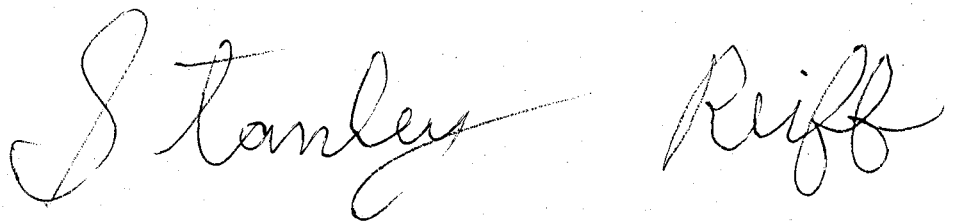
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Stanley Reiff
187 Furry Drive
New Enterprise, PA 16664



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Meadow Brook Kennel
161 Clover Dr.
Christiana, PA 17509

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1150 Easton Road
Willow Grove, PA 19090

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Michele's Dog House Kennel
272 Nilson Rd
Bellefonte, PA 16823

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Rueben Sommers
9276 Madison Dixon Hwy
Salisbury, PA 15555

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Shippensburg, PA 17257

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Mill-Mar Kennel
62 Burket Road
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