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Mary Bender, Director, Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
2301 N. Cameron St., Room 102
Harrisburg, Pa. 17110

Dear Ms. Bender:

My name is Joy Nachmias, I have been a resident of Lancaster County, Pa for 38 years. I am the owner of Joy's Salty Dog Salon and Murrmaid Poodles. I have 17 years of professional experience grooming pets as well as handling show dogs in AKC events. I am a hobby breeder of Champion poodles; I also founded Lancaster Area Poodle Rescue and have served various terms as AKC education coordinator, Current member of The Poodle Club of Lehigh Valley and former member of The Lancaster Kennel Club.

I am writing to comment on the proposed changes to the Pennsylvania Dog Law Regulations. I believe that changes to the Regulations are needed to address unethical and inhumane commercial kennel conditions.

After reviewing the language in the proposed amendments,* dog groomers in Pa would be forced to obtain kennel licenses for the first time. This would put all dog groomers in Pa out of business as well as PA employees out of jobs. Groomers would be unable to comply with kennel space regulations and most towns would never approve 100's of new applicants for kennel licenses. Dog Groomers in Pa must be excluded from these amendments.

I support changes to the Regulations concerning commercial dog breeders, however I do not support the amendments that now include dog groomers and the regulation of hobby breeders that keep house dogs and raise puppies in the home.

*Any establishment that keeps dogs

Sincerely,

Joy Nachmias

