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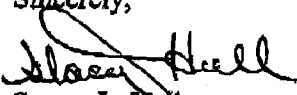
Dear Sir:

This letter is in support of changes to regulations that affect dogs in puppy mills. These animals do not have a choice in where they live or how they are treated and it is our responsibility to require that puppy mills adopt more humane regulations. People who run puppy mills are making a profit and therefore must follow these regulations.

These animals deserve a doubled cage size, daily exercise, ventilation and a central heating and cooling system to maintain a moderate and safe temperature in kennel areas. I also believe that no person convicted of animal cruelty should be able to obtain a kennel license.

I do however believe that non-profit organization such as animal shelters, rescue groups and foster homes should be exempt and have a separate set of standards. These are places where abused and neglected animals can get a second chance. I don't feel it should be any harder for these persons and organizations to continue the difficult job of saving these unfortunate animals.

Thank you for your time and consideration while reading this letter.

Sincerely,

Stacey L. Hall