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TO : Mary Bender, Bureau of Dog Law
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I am part of a non-profit rescue and education organization operating in Mercer County licensed in Pennsylvania. There is need for changes in the laws, especially with the puppy mill problem. My biggest concern is the ability for a non-profit group to be able to pay for extensive changes in housing the dogs in comparison to those breeding dogs for profit. Our group works on donations and our own paychecks. Adoption fees (all our animals are altered prior to release) never cover the full expenses. This is typical for rescue groups.

We have always worked cooperatively with our inspecting wardens over the years, responding to their instructions. Flexibility as a non-profit would be greatly appreciated.

We support fully licensing, on promises or not, cleanliness, safety, and hope for mandatory, spay/neuter for non-orifut groups and dog pounds.