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

INDEPENDENT REGULATOR  
REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Ms. Bender:

I am concerned with the part of the new legislation that concerns rescues, temporarily housing of foster dogs. As a foster home, I have one dog, an akita, at my house at a time, maybe for a total of four dogs a year. I am a senior citizen, and there is no way I could handle more than one large dog at a time.

I am not unusual; lots of us foster homes can only foster one dog at a time. The part of the proposed regulations which concerns me is where it is stated that my home would be subject to inspections and have to adhere to the standards of a "kennel." I'm not a kennel. I live in my little row house.

We in rescue wish the regulations would clarify and separate rescue groups from the proposed regulations. My particular rescue does place more than 26 dogs a year, and as a part of that organization, the new regulations seem to say that I, too, would be subject to "kennel" regulations. No foster home is going to do all that! These precious dogs live IN OUR HOMES as part of our families, and.....they go outside and play on the grass with our kids.

I support anything that places more responsibility on the puppy mills and the huge breeding sectors. But rescue is a horse of another color. Please try understand that we don't mind being regulated, as all things and all people need to answer to answer to rules for the welfare of the dogs. But we are not "commercial". We are volunteers, unpaid as the word would imply. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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