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

Re: proposed Dog Law Regulations - comments

Dear Ms. Bender:

It is so important that these amendments are adopted. I am concerned about the exercise requirement being **enforced**. It is so important that the dogs are exercised and I urge this be passed. Wouldn't it be good to provide that there must be outside runs or fenced areas where the dogs could be let out. This way an inspector could readily see if the run was there and if there were dogs out in the run. About enforcement of the twenty minute requirement, **please pass this, but funding for frequent inspections is CRUCIAL. One can't just expect truth-telling if the puppy mill owner is simply asked if the dogs are being walked.**

The temperature requirement is absolutely crucial, as well as improvement of lighting, ventilation and conditions in which the dogs have to try to rest..

The requirement of removal of dogs while they are cleaned is self-evident. Not to do so is obviously cruel to any decent thinking person, and the fact it is not done shows the character of the owners currently operating. This regulation should be passed and violation should be punished with loss of license and immediate removal of all dogs. And no license renewal.

Cage size: There **MUST** be regulations to enlarge cage size, and again violations should be zero-tolerance. Also, there should be no permanent tethering. Keep this in mind as important.

The bottom line is the conditions in which these dogs live is abusive. These amendments will ameliorate the conditions of their lives from extreme cruelty to something somewhat less. This does not fix the puppy mill problem, it only begins to address it somewhat. **THESE AMENDMENTS MUST BE ADOPTED, PUBLICIZED, AND ENFORCED, ENFORCED, ENFORCED!** Thank you for considering these comments.


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