

953 Roanoke Avenue  
Elkins Park, PA 19027  
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PA Dept. of Agriculture  
Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement  
Attn: Mary Bender

Dear Ms. Bender:

I am writing in support of the proposed changes to the outdated regulations for "puppy mills" in PA. A dog lover myself, and owner of two dogs, I have always been appalled when I heard about the deplorable conditions in these commercial breeding operations. I think it is sad that our state has the reputation of "puppy mill capital of the East".

Provisions such as increasing cage size, better exercise requirements, proper heat, ventilation, and cooling will make such a difference for the dogs. These new proposed regulations, however, should not be required for temporary animal shelter or foster homes, as separate standards should be set for these situations.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. The fact that I took the time to write it is evidence of my concern for animal welfare in this state.

Sincerely,

*Marie E. Leonard*

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