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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement  
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender  
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Dear Ms. Bender,

I hope you will except my comments with the respect I am offering them. But it seems to me that the new proposed changes to the Dog Laws have a hidden agenda. One that is going to do more harm than good for the dogs in PA.

To force dogs that are now being raised in caring home environments to have to be raised like laboratory animals – is surly going to drive away good responsible breeders – exactly the goal of the so-called animal rights groups like PETA.

If you feel there is truly a *need to do something* about poor dog conditions in puppy mills then at least encourage your dept to make more effort to apply the existing rules (as I have heard should be done). Do this before enacting new rules that may present even more and possibly bigger problems.

I've known good breeders and not so good breeders in my 60+ years of owning dogs. Don't penalize the good ones because of the bad ones.

I wish no disrespect with my straight forward comments, but this is a serious matter and a lot of flowery words won't change the need for the truth. Please consider all sides of this issue before making your final Dept rulings.

Regards,

Janet A. Sandt