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

Re: Amended Dog Law Regulations – Public Comment

Dear Ms. Bender:

I am writing in support of the amended regulations proposed for breeding kennels. Passing these amended regulations is the only sensible thing to do.

Most people would agree that a dog's health throughout his life is profoundly affected by the conditions under which he is raised. When we bring a puppy into our lives, the puppy must be both mentally and physically healthy. This is especially important when the puppy lives in our home, plays with our children, and interacts with our other companion animals. There is no greater heartbreak than buying a puppy from a breeder only to have that sickly puppy die from the repercussions of inhumane breeding conditions.

At the very least, a breeder should be legally responsible for raising dogs that are given plenty of exercise, have been allowed to rest in a generously sized cage where there is temperature control and adequate lighting, and have not been put on a permanent tether. Since dogs are "companion animals" rather than "products" for consumption as they are in many nations of the world, they need to grow up in the best, most humane conditions possible. We can prevent suffering all around if the proposed amended regulations are passed. We can also show that Pennsylvania is a forward thinking state that believes in humane conditions for our companion animals who cannot speak for themselves.

Thank you for considering my comments. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Barbara M. Andersen