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

February 9, 2007

Dear Ms. Bender,

I would like to comment on the proposed amendments to the PA dog law regulations. If these proposals go through as passed it will just make it easy for one of those big commercial puppy supplier to come into PA. This will make it even worse for puppy buyers looking for a family dog.

It's not fair to the family who wants a nice companion pet to not have the choice of caring home breeders. Because if these laws go through many good breeders will just give up. Instead families will have to settle for a pet store puppy - which most likely has been bred in a PA puppy mill or from one of the out-of-state puppy mills that many of the chain pet stores already use. Or maybe even from a back yard breeder who does not care about the quality of what they are breeding. This will also open the door for more of those imported "designer dogs" I keep reading about.

In my opinion these new proposed changes seem unnecessary to me. PA should try enforcing the existing laws on PA's awful puppy mill problem and try harder to find the illegal breeders instead of making things more difficult or even impossible for the good caring breeders who do well by their dogs.

I would encourage you to reconsider passing these regulation changes.

Sincerely,

Dawn Dewalt