

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

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January 23, 2007

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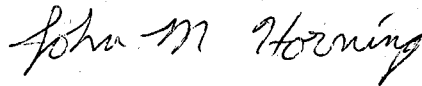
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*21.15 Exemptions*

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Yours Sincerely,



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78 Centennial Rd  
Mifflinburg, PA 17844

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**IVAN SENSENIG  
245 SPRING GROVE ROAD  
EAST EARL, PA 17519**

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*Erwin Martin*

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76 Chaapel Rd  
Milton, PA 17847

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180 Holbert Stretch  
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*Michael Baum*

P.S. We also put a lot of emphasis on keeping our dogs bathed & well groomed. Many of us also have another job and these changes proposed would make it impossible to get everything done properly. Too much attention must be given to quality care for our dogs.

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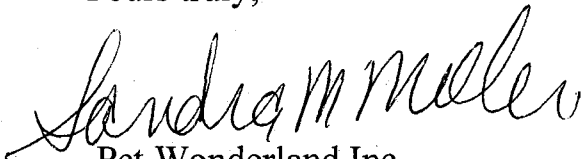
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757-759 Kidder St  
Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702

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*Woodbine Kennels Maria Lora*

Woodbine Boarding Kennels

341 ~~1335~~ Tears Rd  
Mansfield, PA 16933

*Reuben Brenneman  
193 Shoemaker Hill Rd.  
Salisbury, PA 15558*

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**KILDARE KENNEL  
10323 HOLLIS RD  
MEADVILLE, PA 16335**

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*John Kleist  
Tara Kleist*

*We are hobby breeders of AKC reg.  
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and comply to all PA Dept of Agriculture  
Dog laws. & Please...*



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Leon Zimmerman  
RD 2 Box 36-B  
Martinsburg, PA 16662

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Thomas Martin  
586 Red Run Rd  
East Earl, PA 17519

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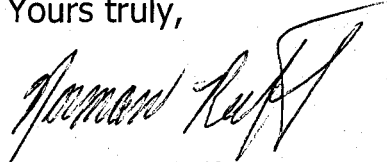
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11560 State Rt 44  
Watsonstown, PA 17777

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Candace Garrison  
180 Holbert Stretch  
Dilliner, PA 15327

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**Audley Farm  
Rd 1 Box 152  
Blairs Mills, PA 17213**

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Fogelsville, PA 18051**

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*Victoria Schadle*  
President

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162 Greenleaf Rd  
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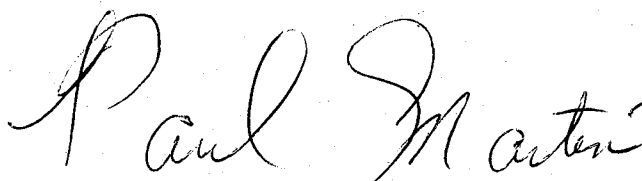
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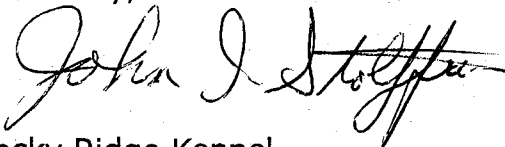
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774 Evans Road  
Narvon, PA 17555

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Allen M. Zimmerman  
840 Weaverland Rd  
East Earl, PA 17519

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

January 19, 2007

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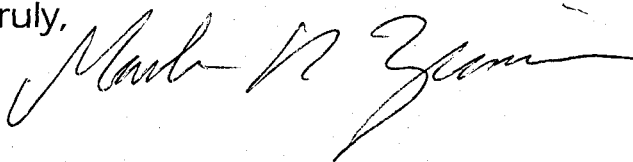
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Marlin N Zimmerman  
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Yours truly, *Jacob J. L. Byler*

Rocky Ridge Kennel  
19556 Stony Rd  
Willow Hill, PA 17271

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Harrisburg PA 17110-9408

Dear Ms. Bender:

I recently heard from a friend from Lancaster County about the proposed new and amended kennel regulations and first off, I would like to thank the Bureau of Dog Law for proposing these new regulations to improve the living conditions of the dogs in commercial breeding kennels.

I fully support the proposed kennel regulations and welcome their passage!

It is imperative for these animals to be kept in healthy, sanitary kennels to ensure proper mental and physical health. I believe that doubling the cage is imperative and that walking each dog at least 20 minutes a day will enable these dogs to live a more enriched life, rather than being treated like a crop used to just make money. I also believe that removing the dogs from the kennels for cleaning is humane and it what these animals deserve.

The passage of these kennel regulations will also make Pennsylvania's Department of Agriculture a national leader and diminish Pennsylvania's reputation as "Puppy Mill Capital of the East Coast." As I have become aware, Lancaster County, in particular is the worst when it comes to commercial breeding, and until this changes I, as well as everyone I know, will not be coming to Lancaster County.

Once again, I support and encourage the proposed kennel regulations! I look forward to hearing that these new regulation will be in place before the year's end.

Sincerely,

*Laurel B. Flaim*  
48 Shultz Road  
Orangville, PA 17859  
Columbia County  
570-633-6153

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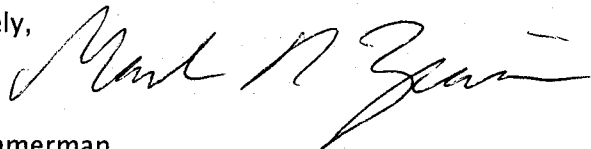
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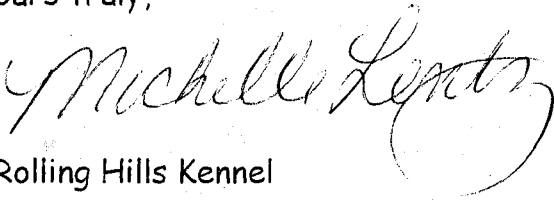
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Yours truly,



Rolling Hills Kennel  
10 Neal Rd  
Homer City, PA 15748

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John Martin  
145 Mill Road  
Ephrata, PA 17522

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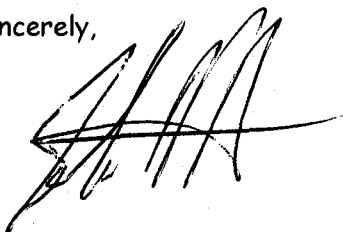
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Rueben Z Martin  
526 Quarry Rd.  
New Holland, PA 17557

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**Lynnhill Llewellyn Setters  
16192 Lynn Rd  
Saegertown, PA 16433**

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*Carl H. Hill*

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[WWW.LynnhillLlewellynSetters.com](http://WWW.LynnhillLlewellynSetters.com)

**Locust Grove Kennel  
RR 1 Box 70A  
Wyalusing, PA 18853**

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451 Verla Dr.  
Windber, PA 15963**

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*Patrick Shoffer*

*Jody Shoffer*

Oak Hill Kennel  
7 Blackburn Rd  
Sewickley, PA 15143

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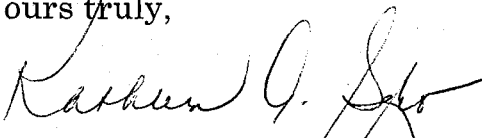

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I sincerely urge that this proposal be withdrawn, as the beneficial outcome will be in question if the proposal is adopted.

Yours truly,

**Applehill Standards  
222 Apple Hill  
Tarentum, PA 15084**

January 22, 2007

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Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture  
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Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

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Cheryl McCorkle  
222 Apple Hill Rd  
Tarentum, Pa. 15084  
724-230-0144

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Sincerely,

Cheryl McCorkle  
(breeder/exhibitor for 30yrs, and  
club member/officer/public information liaison)  
Greater Pittsburgh Poodle Club + Three Rivers  
Papillon Club

**Barclay Kennel  
1236 Fitzwatertown Rd  
Abington, PA 19001**

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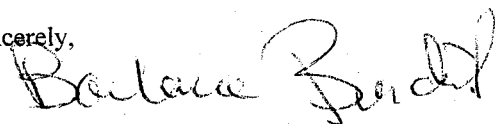
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Wayne Sensenig  
987 Valley View Road  
New Holland, PA 17557

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**Locust Patch Kennel  
654 Mt. Vernon Road  
Gap, PA 17527**

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*Amos J. Stoltzfus*  
*Barbri Ann Stoltzfus*

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Rosemont Kennel & Pet Center  
630 Butter Rd  
Dover, PA 17315

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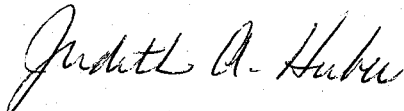
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Petology  
862 Plaza Blvd.  
Lancaster, PA 17601

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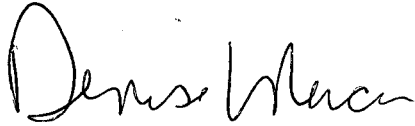
Edwin Peachy  
262 Shade Hollwo Rd  
Salisbury, PA 15558

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Mr. Coccodrilli,

I am disappointed and disgusted at what I have heard and read regarding Puppy Mills. I vote for strict regulation on puppy breeding. I would personally outlaw breeding. Let us not stoop so low as some other countries, European, Canadian and Asian who mistreat animals. Let us stand out as a humane USA.

Sincerely,  
Denise Mercer



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*James Hicks*

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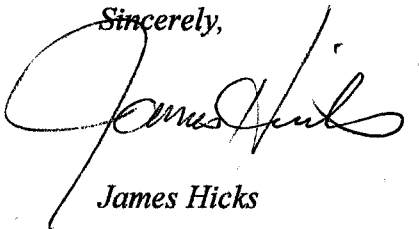
February 7, 2007

Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman  
Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
333 Market Street, 14th Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

To Whom It May Concern:

*I am writing this letter in regards to the changes to the outdated kennel regulations. I am in favor of the new updated regulations. One area that should be exempt from kennel housing requirements is foster homes. They should have separate performance standards appropriate for home care settings. This "puppy mills" need to come up stricter regulations. The living conditions at some of these mills are an embarrassment to the people of Pennsylvania who loves animals.*

Sincerely,



James Hicks

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Nancy Tornetta  
709 Barrington Road  
Collegeville, PA 19426

February 2, 2007

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

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Sent Via Fax: 717-772-4352

Dear Ms. Bender:

I am writing today to hopefully have some influence in your understanding how important it is to the State of Pennsylvania to support the proposed changes to the regulations that affect dogs in puppy mills in our state. I have never felt that I would be considered a dog-fanatic, but anyone that has been made aware of the awful conditions in which these animals are kept would want to see a change made. Pennsylvania should no longer bear the embarrassment of being home to these awful places and you can make the difference. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Nancy D. Tornetta

610-454-0567

Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement  
Attn; Ms. Mary Bender  
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Harrisburgh, Pa 17110-9408

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Dear Ms. Bender,

My name is Charlene Blittersdorf and I live in Kennett Square. I have owned Yorkshire terriers for many years. Occasionally I have one or two litters of puppies a year. Since yorkies are a small breed there are not many puppies in a litter, sometimes only one. My dogs are part of the family and have the run of the house. I own 5 adults. My entire yard is fenced in with stockade fence so that they may go out and play as often as they want. I also have a very large covered patio that they can use when the weather is bad. My puppies are raised in a secluded area that is very warm and quiet. Away from the other dogs and household distractions. When they are old enough they are given lots of love and attention so that they will be happy healthy puppies.


I am writing to comment on the proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania dog law regulations issued on December 16, 2006. I believe that inhumane and substandard kennel conditions should not be tolerated, but I do not agree that most of the proposed regulatory changes are needed, or would necessarily have a beneficial outcome if adopted. Many are impractical, excessively burdensome and costly, unenforceable, and will not improve the quality of life for dogs in these kennels.

Smaller breeders and dog owners who maintain their dogs in their own residential premises but are covered by the Pennsylvania dog law, who provide care and conditions far superior to those required by the proposed new standard, would be unable to comply with the rigid commercial kennel standards.

The record keeping requirements with respect to exercise, cleaning and other aspects of kennel management are excessively burdensome and serve no useful purpose, as it would be impossible to verify their accuracy in all but the most egregious circumstances. Such circumstances already violate existing regulations.

I urge that this proposal be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

  
Charlene Blittersdorf



Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
Attn: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman  
333 Market Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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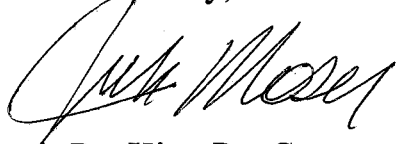
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Yours truly,



Pet King Pet Center  
RR2 Bx 27 Rt 61  
Shamokin, PA 17872

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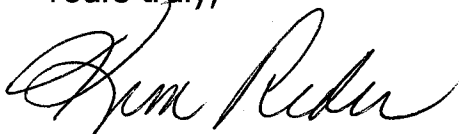
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Yours truly,



Riders Boarding Kennel  
101 Pringle Rd  
Smithfield, PA 15478

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Mar Mac Kennels  
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Mc Kean, PA 16426

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January 30, 2007

Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
Attn: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman  
333 Market Street, 14th Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY  
REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli,

I am writing in response to oppose the Dog Law Regulations Act 225 recently issued on December 16, 2006. The current regulatory proposals in general are unenforceable and extremely onerous when put into practice.

The proposed regulations call for kennels to be specific in regard to exercise and cleaning records. These would require a substantial increase in manpower and time dedicated to filling out written bureaucratic reports, it would be impossible to verify their accuracy. This change would also divert the small business owner's time away from caring for their animals.

The bureau already requires the name, address, acquisition date, disposition date, type of sale, breed, sex, color, whelping date, and identification number be recorded for each and every dog sold, transferred, adopted, or given away. If the department wishes to enforce the law, they already have all information needed.

Unless the kennel has purchased, sold, or transferred more than 26 dogs in a calendar year to the individual, it is impossible for the kennel to know if the individual is required to have a Pennsylvania kennel license.

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I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded and the USDA standard be adopted in Pennsylvania.

Yours Sincerely,

Marion Macaluso  
Mar Mac Kennels

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Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
Attn: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman  
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Harrisburg, PA 17101

January 27, 2007

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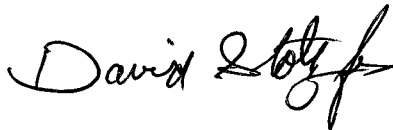
The proposals referencing housing and social interaction of dogs of different sizes are contrary to good husbandry, socializing and training practices. Furthermore, there is no scientific or accepted husbandry basis for the amended space and exercise requirements.

In addition, the proposed regulations call for the temperature of the kennel floor to be 50F° in the warm weather. Many kennels are air conditioned to a comfortable 70F°. A dog sleeping on a 50F° floor can develop hypothermia and become ill or die. For temperature, lighting, cleaning, exercise, housing, and veterinary care, the attending veterinarian should set forth and approve procedures specific for the kennel buildings and breeds of dogs.

The proposed changes above will require Pennsylvania's licensed and inspected kennels to be demolished and rebuilt. The average cost will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 per kennel, if the proposed laws are adopted.

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Yours sincerely,



Williams Run Kennel  
84 Williams Run Rd  
Christiana, PA 17509

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To: Independent Regulatory Review Commission

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From: Joe Ward

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY  
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Re: Puppymills

Even the following changes seem to be at Minimum to permit bare animal survival. The REAL changes should be the absolute shutting down of all Puppymills, period. I have raised a dog from one of these torture chambers and have witnessed the heartbreak of lifelong scarring both emotionally and physically. PLEASE Pennsylvania, I beg you to take a strong stance - for the entire nation to see and make your state proud. Be a LEADER and set the STANDARD for all of America so that other states (such as Kansas, Iowa, Missouri, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Nebraska) will follow and finally bring these horrible existing nightmares to an end.

The Midwest dogs are suffering like those in PA - we need your Leadership to get going and make a real difference. The Class B dealers and the mills tucked away, hidden in rural areas, all for greed and profit - all without any regulatory control of basic needs - is Absolutely Sickening. Just the word "cages" makes me want to vomit! The steel wire bottoms, the scorching heat, the frigid cold, broken legs caught in wires, the heartworms, tumors, mange, rotted teeth, fighting and yes, some totally lose their minds. Never touching the grass, no blankets, no toys, no human touch, but being bred over & over again for pure profit and greed for years until they can reproduce no more and are then dumped, killed or auctioned off for as high as the miller can get, one little life from Arkansas was bought at auction for ONE DOLLAR just to spare its life. My dogs are my children - the Terrible suffering must END now.

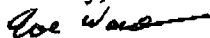
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Please take steps to ensure new regulations provide humane conditions for the dogs.

Thank you - and PLEASE take action now. God Bless You.

Sincerely,



Joe Ward

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Wichita, KS 67212

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**From:** jbstucky@cox.net**Sent:** Saturday, February 10, 2007 1:31 AM**To:** Dog Law Bureau Director Mary Bender Fax: 717-772-4352 and Independent Regulatory Review Commission Fax: 717-783-2664**Subject:** Fwd: Urgent - PA Puppy MillsINDEPENDENT REGULATORY  
REVIEW COMMISSION**Subject:** Urgent - PA Puppy Mills

**[Jim Stucky]** How can we not take serious action to protect our animals. Please lead us with strong laws for PA.

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Sincerely,

**[Jim Stucky]** Jim and Barb Stucky

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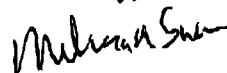
To whom it may concern:

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I am strongly opposed to commercial breeding kennels where the costs are minimized by providing substandard care and conditions for the dogs in an effort to increase the profit. I am writing to request that you immediately take steps to address the horrific conditions in commercial kennels in Pennsylvania. Every kennel must be required to have a visible, safe source of heat, and air-conditioning. Additionally, the regulations should limit the number of dogs that are kept in a cage. Finally, we ask that you include breeding regulations consistent with those established by reputable breed clubs.

It is a profound embarrassment that Pennsylvania is known as the Puppy Mill Capital of the East Coast. Please take steps to ensure that the new regulations provide humane conditions for the dogs. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Melissa A. Swauger

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To: Ms. Mary Bender, Dog Law Bureau Director  
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Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
Fax Number: (717) 783-2664

From: Bliss Scharfenberger  
Attorney-at-Law  
7089 Bois D'arc Ln.  
Richmond, TX 77469

Fax Number: (281) 533-9852

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Dear Ms. Bender and Members of the Regulatory Review Commission:

I recently reviewed the regulations related to the commercial dog breeding industry that were proposed by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture (published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin). These regulations do not adequately address important issues, including cage conditions, temperature control and humane breeding practices. I support the changes proposed by the Coalition Against Misery.

Many of these animals live in conditions that are unsanitary and extremely cold in the winter and hot in the summer, causing illness and infections that often go untreated, resulting in unnecessary suffering and death. I am adamantly opposed to commercial breeding kennels that provide substandard care and living conditions. Every kennel should be required to have a visible safe source of heat. I lived in the Northeast for many years. It is truly inhumane that many of these kennels deny heat to their dogs given the frigid temperatures in the winter. Limits should also be placed on the number of dogs that are kept in a cage, and breeding regulations should be consistent with those established by reputable breed clubs.

I respectfully request that you enact stronger regulations that encompass the issues set forth in this letter, specifically those proposed by the Coalition Against Misery.

Sincerely,

  
Bliss Scharfenberger  
Attorney-at-Law



Mary Bender  
Pa. Dept of Agriculture  
2301 North Cameron St  
Harrisburg, Pa 17110

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Re: Doc # 06-2452 Proposed Changes to the Dog Law

Dear Ms. Bender,

I have recently been made aware of the newly proposed Pa Dog law regulations. Yes, inhumane and substandard care and housing should definitely not be tolerated but not at the expense of responsible breeders.

*In the last 15 years, we have raised two litters of Champion Chesapeake Bay Retrievers at our home with our family. They were extremely well cared for and loved, from carefully screened and DNA tested and cleared sire & dam. This change would make this impossible in the future!*

Under the proposed changes as I read them, small scale breeders will fall into the same set of requirements as the large commercial operations. Licensed breeders with a K1 license would no longer be able to maintain, breed, whelp and raise their dogs within their homes-but this is exactly the setting from which I want to be able to buy a puppy or dog! I want a dog that was raised in a home from breeders who are careful about the health of their dogs, their temperaments and bred dogs that look like the breed they are supposed to be! These breeders would have to either stop raising dogs or build facilities to meet the commercial breeders' standards which are not the way I want a puppy I'd buy raised. The proposed regulations favor the large scale operations that will have the budget to build these "sterile" kennel facilities and hire staff to maintain the outlined record keeping requirements. Why we don't even require 20 minutes of daily mandated physical exercise for our children in schools but for dogs we do!

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Sincerely,

*Mary Bender*  
1120 Poplar Springs Rd  
OKTANA, PA 17353

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difference with puppy mills?  
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run in high grass of the woods, I don't need to be told they  
need exercise or to have a time mandated. The average dog  
owner spend plenty of money, time & love with their dogs, or  
haven't you been to PetSmart lately. I love my dog, I keep  
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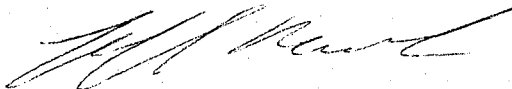
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Sincerely,



Jeffrey S. Mandak, M.D.

## ADDENDEUM:

After reading the proposed modifications to the law I am left with the impression that their purpose has less to do with the welfare of "DOGS" than it does with creating an overwhelming regimen of rules and constraints which may well be an unattainable obligation for those who hold a kennel license. If these proposals are aimed at creating some mechanism whereby "PUPPY MILLS" can be properly managed and scrutinized I understand your purpose. Although I support your goals, I hope that you will carefully keep in mind that whatever you enact affects all of Dog Fancy and Dog Sport. There are many conscientious, honest, enthusiastic small scale breeders of show and sporting breeds through out our state. Their, "dog activities", are a major part of their life. I believe that these people make an outstanding and significant contribution to our society and economy. This needs to be considered. They deserve your support. I believe that they will support a program that is practical, manageable, flexible (which considers the differing needs of various breeds), and is realistically enforceable.

Yours Truly,

*Ron Reichardt*

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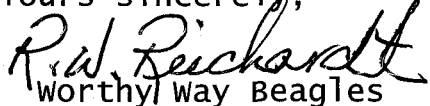
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Yours sincerely,

  
R. W. Richardt  
Worthy Way Beagles  
365 Rich Hill Rd  
Sellersville, PA 18960

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Attn: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman  
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Harrisburg, PA 17101

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January 31, 2007

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The Departments direction and intentions are neither attributed as accepted canine husbandry practices nor substantiated by science. The Department should base their changes on education to improve the industry. I request that this proposal be withdrawn.

Yours sincerely,

Steve M. Stoltzfus  
362 School Lane Rd  
Gap, PA 17527

Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
Attn: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman  
333 Market Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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Yours Sincerely,



Geri Kelly's Classical Canines  
9760 Concord Rd  
Union City, PA 16438

**Maggyver's Loft**  
**470 Seaward Ave.**  
**Bradford, PA 16701**

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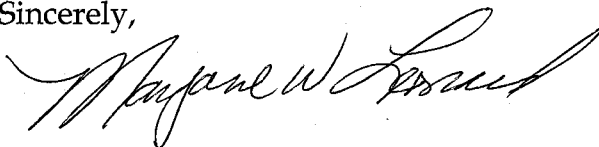
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Yours Sincerely,





Luke Martin  
7243 Rice Rd  
Shippensburg, PA 17257

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January 30, 2007

IRRC  
Attn: Mr. John H. Jewett  
14th Floor Harristown 2  
333 Market St.  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

RE: Proposed Changes to PA Dog Law Regulations (36 Pa. B. 7596)

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Yours Sincerely,

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Yours sincerely,



Noah S. Zimmerman  
Rd #1 Box 65  
Martinsburg, PA 16662

Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
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*Yours Sincerely,*



Candace Garrison  
180 Holbert Stretch  
Dilliner, PA 15327

Maple Ridge Kennel  
180 Holbert Stretch  
Dilliner, PA 15327

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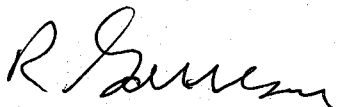
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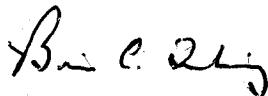
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Yours truly,



Rippling Run Kennel  
2457 Rochester Rd.  
Sewickley, PA 15143

*This bill, if passed, will force the closure of small boarding kennels that cannot afford the capital investment required to meet the provisions of the proposed legislation. This legislation will result in significantly higher rates for the boarding of pets in Pennsylvania. Please consider these factors when debating and voting.*

*Thank you*

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*Bricks American Bulldogs*  
2006 6th Ave.  
Beaver Falls, PA 15070

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Sincerely, *Robert C. Buckner*

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**Locust Grove Kennel**  
**17111 Dry Run Road South**  
**Dry Run, PA 17220**

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Yours Sincerely, *Henry Byler*

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

January 31, 2007

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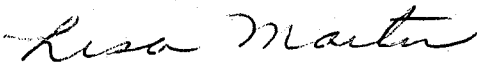
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Yours Sincerely,



Horton's Boarding Kennel  
940 Schoeneck Rd  
Ephrata, PA 17522

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Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture  
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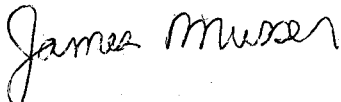
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Yours Sincerely,



Golden Acres Kennel  
151 Durlach Rd  
Ephrata, PA 17522

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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement  
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture  
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender  
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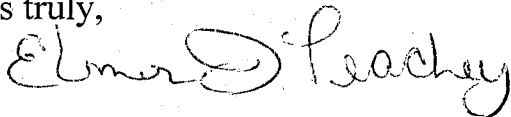
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Yours truly,



Elmer J Peachy  
110 Mill Rd  
Allensville, PA 17002

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**Bullie Pups R Us  
313 West Morlatton Rd.  
Douglassville, PA 19578**

January 30, 2007

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Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture  
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender  
2301 North Cameron Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

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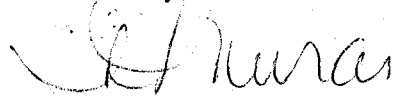
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Sincerely,



**Lion's Den  
5316 Delta Rd  
Delta, PA 17314**

Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement  
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture  
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender  
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*Brento Henry  
J. Van R. R. R. R.*

**A. A. Ridgewood Kennels II  
135 W. Lancaster Ave  
Downingtown, PA 19335**

January 20, 2007

Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement  
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture  
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The proposed changes would require a substantial increase in manpower with many hours dedicated to filling out written bureaucratic reports and divert the small business owner's time away from caring for their animals.

I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded and the USDA standard be adopted in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

*Holly Young*  
Owner

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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY  
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January 31, 2007

Dear Ms. Bender,

I am writing in response to the proposed amendments to the Dog Law Act 225 which was issued on December 16, 2006.

The current proposed regulation changes have appeared to be burdensome and beyond rulemaking. The proposals add completely new categories and definition to the existing laws. These changes must be addressed through the legislative process.

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Yours sincerely,



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771 Zimmerman Road  
Mifflinburg, PA 17844

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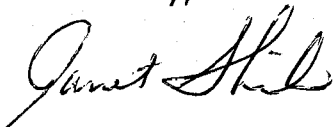
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2100 Turkey Hill Rd  
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Jason Sensemig  
442 Old Henry Path Rd.  
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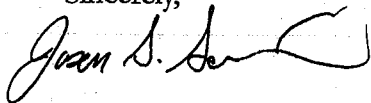
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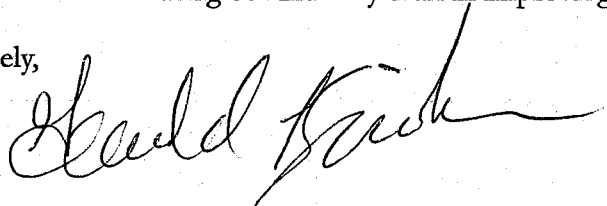
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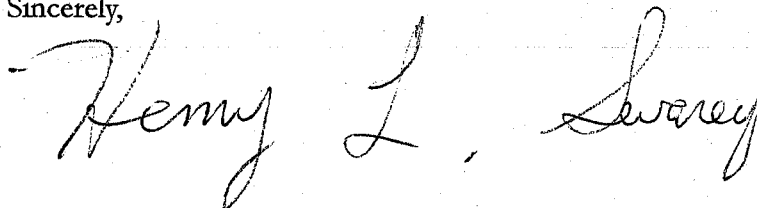
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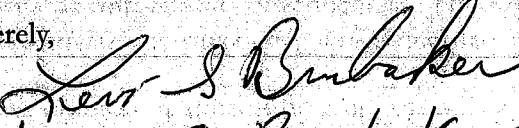
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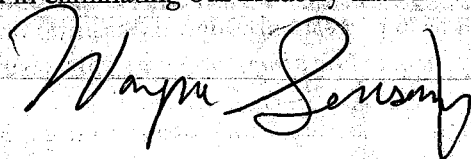
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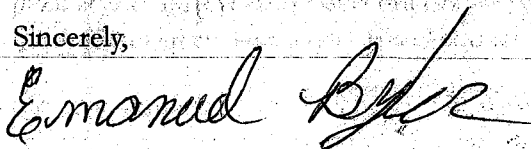
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Dear Ms. Bender:

My name is Luis Santiago, Jr. I am a Township Supervisor for Lower Mount Bethel Township, as well as a dog owner who competes in various venues. In these roles I have a unique perspective on how government works and how onerous regulations can impact good people

I am writing to comment on the proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania dog law regulations issued on December 16, 2006. I do not agree that most of the proposed regulatory changes are needed, or would necessarily have a beneficial outcome if adopted. Many are impractical, excessively burdensome and costly, unenforceable, and/or will not improve the quality of life for the dogs in these kennels. In reality, the current laws do not need changes, rather there needs to be a willingness on the part of the state to enforce them.

Examples of problems with the proposal are the following:

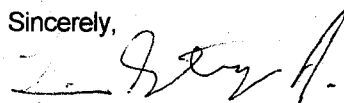
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- Smaller breeders and dog owners who maintain their dogs in their own residential premises, but are covered by the Pennsylvania dog law, who provide care and conditions far superior to those required by the proposed new standards, would be unable to comply with the rigid commercial kennel standards.
- The record keeping requirements with respect to exercise, cleaning, and other aspects of kennel management are excessively burdensome and serve no useful purpose, as it would be impossible to verify their accuracy in all but the most egregious circumstances. Such egregious circumstances already violate existing regulations.

The above is far from a complete list of the deficiencies with the proposed regulations. I also associate myself with the more detailed comments on this proposal by the Pennsylvania Federation of Dog Clubs.

The Bureau has tacitly conceded that its current regulations have not been adequately enforced. If, after implementing its recently announced enhanced enforcement program, the Bureau finds it is still unable to prevent inhumane treatment of dogs because of specific deficiencies in the existing regulations, it should cite these specific deficiencies and propose changes based on them. The proposal is draconian at best, it will punish good people that are not currently in violation of the regulations that the Bureau has failed to enforce.

I urge that this proposal be withdrawn.

Sincerely,



Luis Santiago, Jr.

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My name is Teresa Shilander, I live in Ankeny Iowa. I have shown my Briard in PA, and my breeder lives in PA. She is actively showing her Briards too.

I am writing to comment on the proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania dog law regulations issued on December 16, 2006. I believe that inhumane and substandard kennel conditions should NOT be tolerated, but I do NOT agree that most of the proposed regulatory changes are needed, or would necessarily have a beneficial outcome if adopted. Many are impractical, excessively burdensome and costly, unenforceable, and/or will not improve the quality of life for the dogs in these kennels. Examples of problems with the proposal are the following:

The proposals pertaining to housing and social interaction of dogs of different sizes are contrary to good husbandry, socialization and training practices.

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Sincerely,  
Teresa Shilander  
4009 NE Tulip Lane  
Ankeny, IA 50021



IRRC

Attn: Mr. John H. Jewett  
14th Floor Harrisstown 2  
333 Market St.  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

January 30, 2007

RE: Proposed Changes to PA Dog Law Regulations (36 Pa. B. 7596)

Dear Mr. Jewett,

I am writing in response to the Dog Law Act 225 that was issued on December 16, 2006, of which I have several disagreements. The regulatory proposals in general are very difficult and costly to enforce, extremely onerous, and not feasible when put in to practice.

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I sincerely request that this proposal be withdrawn.

Yours Sincerely,

Mary Fisher

MaryFisher  
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Betty Jo Kuehn Feb. 6, 07



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Ronks Pa 17572

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North Node Siberians  
8659 Reservoir Rd  
Germansville, PA 18053

January 30, 2007

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

Dear Ms. Bender,

I am writing in response to the proposed amendments to the Dog Law Act 225 which was issued on December 16, 2006.

With a full understanding that the bureau is trying to improve substandard kennel conditions, I am not in agreement that most of the changes are necessary.

The proposed record keeping would require me to write down the date and time I washed each food and water bowl, every time a pen is cleaned; each individual outside run is cleaned, etc. It would be better for me to have my general daily procedures that I routinely follow, in writing. This is similar to how the USDA regulations are worded.

The proposed changes would also require the demolition of Pennsylvania's licensed and inspected kennels. Yet, there is no scientific basis for the change. In addition, the average cost to rebuild kennel will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 each.

I sincerely urge that this proposal be withdrawn, as the beneficial outcome will be in question if the proposal is adopted.

Yours truly,

*Jeanette DiBona*

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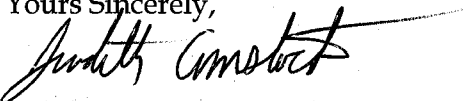
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Yours Sincerely,



Judith Comstock  
R.R. 1 Box 590  
Ulster, PA 18850

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14th Floor Harrisstown 2  
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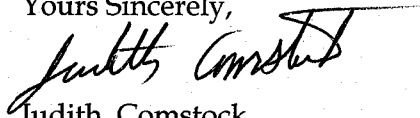
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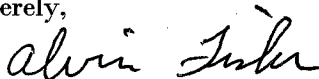
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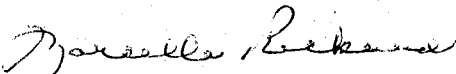
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Country Lane Kennel  
206 Evergreen Dr.  
Ridgway, PA 15853

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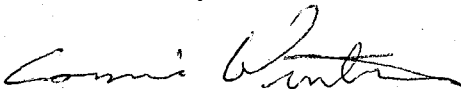
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Indiana, PA 15701

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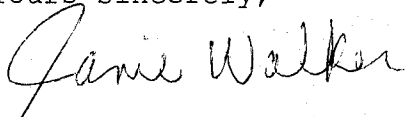
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New Paris, PA 15554

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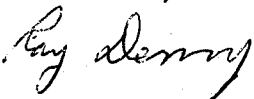
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714 Carbon Center Rd  
Fenelton, PA 16034

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*Elmer R. Glick*

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E & L Kennel  
233 Stoltzfus Lane  
Mill Hall, PA 17751

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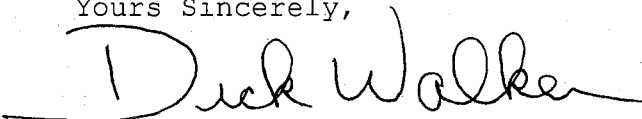
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Dick & Jane's Spot  
142 Rose Lane  
New Paris, PA 15554

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Cross Cove Canines  
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Roaring Spring, PA 16673

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Ephrata, PA 17522

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Creekside Kennel  
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Danville, PA 17821

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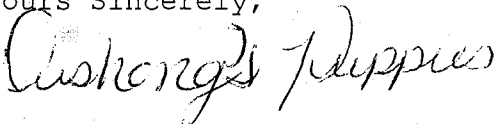
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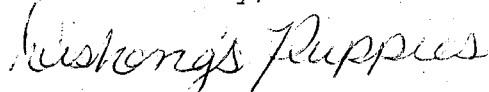
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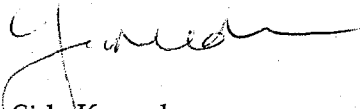
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60 Reese Point Lane  
Washington, PA 15301

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Jonathan Fisher  
542 Mount Vernon Rodd  
Gap, PA 17527

P.S. I am also concerned what is going to happen with the dog prices if Dog Law act goes in effect. It will cause a big, huge, amount of backyard breeder's & drugies to try raising puppies with little to no experience, which causes me to be concerned for the canine's welfare

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Yours Sincerely,



Country Way Kennel  
1020 Neyhart Rd  
Stroudsburg, P A 18360

Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
Attn: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman  
333 Market Street, 14th Floor  
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January 30, 2007

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John Fisher  
74 Londonvale Road  
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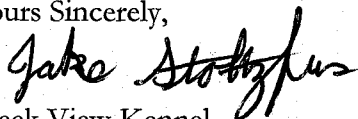
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Gordonville, PA 17529



IRRC

Attn: Mr. John H. Jewett  
14th Floor Harrisstown 2  
333 Market St.  
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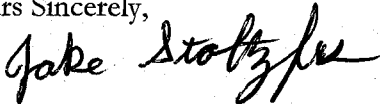
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**End O' Lane Kennels**  
283 Sinclair Road  
Delta, PA 17314

*David Fisher*

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*Rocky Ridge Kennel*  
*19556 Stony Road*  
*Willow Hill Pa. 17271*

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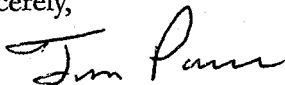
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As a Pennsylvania breeder, I believe it is unfortunate that this proposal appears to be more about animal activism than about animal welfare. You only have to consider the one section that permits shelters and other similar facilities that provide a "service" to be exempt from these regulations. I immediately question the intent behind those who are pushing the governor on this issue. What sense does it make to remove animals from a substandard facility and place them in another substandard facility? None! Furthermore, this proposal has no incentives or educational programs for the breeders. It is all threats and punishment, which is another indication, that the motives of those supporting this proposal are more interested in eliminating our industry than in improving our industry.

Sincerely,

*David Leys*



January 24, 2007

Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman  
Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
333 Market Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli,

As a Pennsylvania breeder, I am strongly opposed to the overly restrictive rules and regulations that are proposed for kennel owners. The enforcement of regulations such as these will effectively serve to shut down or severely curtail the activities of the concerned, caring and law-abiding breeders in Pennsylvania. The extensive number of regulations outlined in this proposal and the limited time allotted prevents the proper consultation and review of these regulations with our kennel veterinarian and other professionals. Therefore, in order to allow for the proper review and consultation of this extensive proposal, I request a ninety-day extension of the comment period.

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Sincerely,

*Lydia Weaver*

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Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
Attn: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman  
333 Market Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

January 22, 2007

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli,

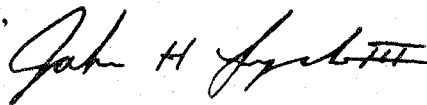
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The proposed changes require the kennel owner to record every time a water bowl or food pan is washed, every time the primary and secondary pen enclosures are cleaned, and the feeding and watering dates and times, etc. All these burdensome and excessive requirements will require a substantial increase in manpower with many hours dedicated to filling out written bureaucratic reports and divert the small business owner's time away from caring for their animals.

The Departments direction and intentions are neither attributed as accepted canine husbandry practices nor substantiated by science. The Department should base their changes on education to improve the industry. I request that this proposal be withdrawn.

Yours sincerely,



Spring Pond Kennels  
240 Walnut Dale Rd  
Shippensburg, PA 17257

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January 31, 2007

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Yours sincerely,

Benuel S. Stoltzfus  
140 N. Birdell Road  
Honey Brook, PA 19344

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OSBORNE KENNEL  
273 OSBORNE RD  
OXFORD, PA 19363

JANUARY 30, 2007

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION  
ATTN: ARTHUR COCCODRILLI, CHAIRMAN  
333 MARKET STREET, 14TH FLOOR  
HARRISBURG, PA 17101

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DEAR CHAIRMAN COCCODRILLI,

I AM WRITING IN RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE DOG  
LAW ACT 225 WHICH WAS ISSUED ON DECEMBER 16, 2006.

WITH A FULL UNDERSTANDING THAT THE BUREAU IS TRYING TO IMPROVE  
SUBSTANDARD KENNEL CONDITIONS, I AM NOT IN AGREEMENT THAT MOST  
OF THE CHANGES ARE NECESSARY.

THE PROPOSED RECORD KEEPING WOULD REQUIRE ME TO WRITE DOWN THE  
DATE AND TIME I WASHED EACH FOOD AND WATER BOWL, EVERY TIME A PEN  
IS CLEANED; EACH INDIVIDUAL OUTSIDE RUN IS CLEANED, ETC. IT WOULD BE  
BETTER FOR ME TO HAVE MY GENERAL DAILY PROCEDURES THAT I  
ROUTINELY FOLLOW, IN WRITING. THIS IS SIMILAR TO HOW THE USDA  
REGULATIONS ARE WORDED.

THE PROPOSED CHANGES WOULD ALSO REQUIRE THE DEMOLITION OF  
PENNSYLVANIA'S LICENSED AND INSPECTED KENNELS. YET, THERE IS NO  
SCIENTIFIC BASIS FOR THE CHANGE. IN ADDITION, THE AVERAGE COST TO  
REBUILD KENNEL WILL BE BETWEEN \$30,000.00 AND \$500,000.00  
EACH.

I SINCERELY URGE THAT THIS PROPOSAL BE WITHDRAWN, AS THE  
BENEFICIAL OUTCOME WILL BE IN QUESTION IF THE PROPOSAL IS ADOPTED.

YOURS TRULY,

*Samuel F Blank*

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Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
Attn: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman  
333 Market Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

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January 31, 2007

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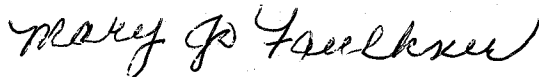
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Yours sincerely,



The Kennel  
1301 Red Mud Hollow Rd  
Sewickley, PA 15143

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IRRC  
Attn: Mr. John H. Jewett  
14<sup>th</sup> Floor Harristown 2  
333 Market St.  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

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January 31, 2007

RE: Proposed Changes to PA Dog Law Regulations (36 Pa. B. 7596)

Dear Mr. Jewett,

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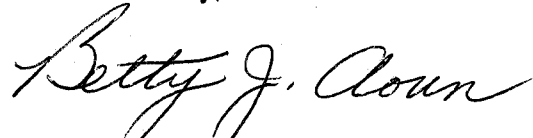
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Yours sincerely,



T. L. C. Pet Resort  
1372 Pittsburgh Rd  
Franklin, PA 16323

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

January 24, 2007

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Dear Ms. Bender,

I am writing in response to the proposed amendments to the Dog Law Act 225 which was issued on December 16, 2006.

The current proposed regulation changes have appeared to be burdensome and beyond rulemaking. The proposals add completely new categories and definition to the existing laws. These changes must be addressed through the legislative process.

The proposals referencing housing and social interaction of dogs of different sizes are contrary to good husbandry, socializing and training practices. Furthermore, there is no scientific or accepted husbandry basis for the amended space and exercise requirements.

In addition, the proposed regulations call for the temperature of the kennel floor to be 50F° in the warm weather. Many kennels are air conditioned to a comfortable 70F°. A dog sleeping on a 50F° floor can develop hypothermia and become ill or die. For temperature, lighting, cleaning, exercise, housing, and veterinary care, the attending veterinarian should set forth and approve procedures specific for the kennel buildings and breeds of dogs.

The proposed changes above will require Pennsylvania's licensed and inspected kennels to be demolished and rebuilt. The average cost will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 per kennel, if the proposed laws are adopted.

The current proposed appears to be over idealistic in term of improving the welfare of dogs. I urge that this proposal be rescinded and an approach similar to the USDA standards be developed.

Yours sincerely,

TomWentz  
7720 Main St  
Fogelsville, PA 18051

2559

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

January 20, 2007

Dear Ms. Bender,

As a kennel owner for a good number of years, I appreciate the fact that the bureau has helped to improve the dog laws. With regard to the proposed dog law changes Act 225 issued on December 16, 2006, I have a few serious concerns.

The proposed changes would require the kennel owner to record every time a water bowl or food pan is washed, every time the primary and secondary pen enclosures are cleaned, the feeding and watering dates and times, etc. These excessive and burdensome requirements will require a substantial increase in manpower with many hours dedicated to filling out written bureaucratic reports and divert the small business owner's time away from caring for their animals.

Kennels have been custom built to comply with the Department of Agriculture's Dog Law Enforcement standards that were based on USDA standards. The proposed changes of this section will require the demolition of licensed and inspected kennels and the rebuilding of entirely new dimensioned kennels. The average cost per kennel will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 each.

The proposed changes make no sense for all kennel owners' dogs to be seized by the Dog Law Bureau based on the Governor's proposed new requirements for pen sized or quarantine regulations. Dog Law places the same dog into a humane society not required to have the proposed new standards. It is vital to have fair and uniform kennel requirements. In addition, small business owners are affected greatly and their due process rights in court are limited if the proposed changes adopted.

I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded.

*Bernadette Himmel*

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Attn: Ms. Mary Bender  
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January 31, 2007

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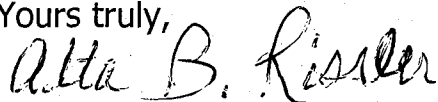
I am writing to comment on the proposed amendments to the Dog Law Regulations Act 225 issued on December 16, 2006. I personally think that many of the changes are impractical and burdensome, and will not improve the quality of life for dogs in kennels.

The proposed regulations will require a substantial increase in manpower with many hours dedicated to filling out bureaucratic reports or recordkeeping which the department already has.

Kennels have been custom built to comply with Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's Dog Law Enforcement standards that were based on USDA Standards. The proposed changes of this section will require the demolition of Pennsylvania's licensed and inspected kennels and the rebuilding of entirely new dimensioned kennels. There is no scientific basis for the change; the average cost per kennel will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 each.

The current proposed appears to be over idealistic in term of improving the welfare of dogs. I urge that this proposal be rescinded and an approach similar to the USDA standards be developed.

Yours truly,



Alta B. Rissler  
121 North Maple Avenue  
Leola, PA 17540-9702

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**Sharon Lee Kruger  
106 Holzer Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15210**

January 26, 2007

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

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Dear Ms. Bender,

I am writing in response to oppose the Dog Law Regulations Act 225 recently issued on December 16, 2006. The current regulatory proposals in general are unenforceable and extremely onerous when put into practice.

The proposed regulations call for kennels to be specific in regard to exercise and cleaning records. These would require a substantial increase in manpower and time dedicated to filling out written bureaucratic reports, and it would be impossible to verify their accuracy. This change would also divert the small business owner's time away from caring for their animals.

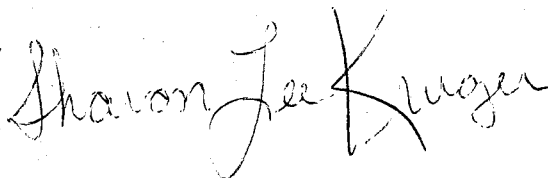
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Unless the kennel has purchased, sold, or transferred more than 26 dogs in a calendar year to the individual, it is impossible for the kennel to know if the individual is required to have a Pennsylvania kennel license.

Additionally, kennels have been custom built to comply with the Department of Agriculture's Dog Law Enforcement standards that were based on USDA standards. The proposed changes of this section will require the demolition of licensed and inspected kennels and the rebuilding of entirely new dimensioned kennels. The average cost per kennel will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 each.

I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded and the USDA standard be adopted in Pennsylvania.

Yours Sincerely,



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Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture  
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender  
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Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

January 31, 2007

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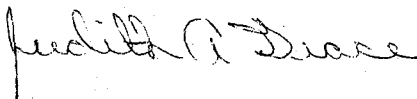
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I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded.

Yours Sincerely,



Howliday Inn  
1563 Piedmont Rd  
Somerset, PA 15501

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11433 Rt 120  
Emporium, PA 15834**

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I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded and the USDA standard be adopted in Pennsylvania.

Yours Sincerely,

*Betty D. Allen - owner/operator*

**Buckwalter Kennels Inc.**  
**106 Lancaster Ave**  
**Malvern, PA 19355**

January 30, 2007

Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement  
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture  
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender  
2301 North Cameron Street  
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Dear Ms. Bender,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed changes to the Dog Law Act 225 which was issued on December 16, 2006. I completely understand that substandard kennel conditions should not be permitted, but most of the proposed regulatory changes are impractical and costly.

These proposals call for change in definitions and requirements of licensed and inspected kennels within the Commonwealth. These extensive changes must go through Pennsylvania's House and Senate legislative processes.

The proposed regulations call for the temperature of the kennel floor to be 50F° in the warm weather. Many kennels are air conditioned to a comfortable 70F°. A dog sleeping on a 50F° floor can develop hypothermia and become ill or die. For temperature, lighting, cleaning, exercise, housing, and veterinary care, the attending veterinarian should set forth and approve procedures specific for the kennel buildings and breeds of dogs.

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Sincerely,

*Ronald J. Buckwalter, Jr.*

Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement  
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2301 North Cameron Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

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Yours sincerely, *Paul H. Zimmerman*

Paul H. Zimmerman  
1751 Mill Rd  
East Earl, PA 17519-9555

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

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February 1, 2007

Dear Ms. Bender,

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Yours sincerely, *John Z. Zook*

John Z. Zook  
313 Cabin Drive  
Ephrata, PA 17522-8622

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

January 19, 2007

Dear Ms. Bender,

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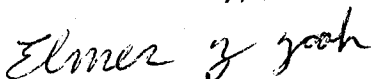
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Yours Sincerely,



Elmer Z. Zook  
315 Cabin Drive  
Ephrata, PA 17522

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Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

January 31, 2007

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The current proposed appears to be over idealistic in term of improving the welfare of dogs. I urge that this proposal be rescinded and an approach similar to the USDA standards be developed.

Yours truly,

*Sharon A. Bassett*

Sharon's Boarding Kennel  
Rd 1 Box 296  
Sunbury, PA 17801

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Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

January 27, 2007

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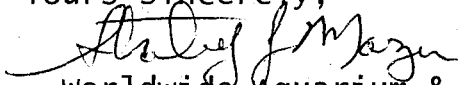
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Yours sincerely,



Worldwide Aquarium & Pets  
6801 Frankford Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19135

Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement  
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture  
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February 2, 2007

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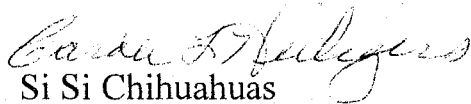
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The current proposed appears to be over idealistic in terms of improving the welfare of dogs. I urge that this proposal be rescinded and an approach similar to the USDA standards be developed.

Yours Truly,



Si Si Chihuahuas  
1105 Bowers Bridge Road  
Manchester, Pa 17345

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

**January 19, 2007**

**Dear Ms. Bender,**

**As a kennel owner for a good number of years, I appreciate the fact that the bureau has helped to improve the dog laws. With regard to the proposed dog law changes Act 225 issued on December 16, 2006, I have a few serious concerns.**

**The proposed changes would require the kennel owner to record every time a water bowl or food pan is washed, every time the primary and secondary pen enclosures are cleaned, the feeding and watering dates and times, etc. These excessive and burdensome requirements will require a substantial increase in manpower with many hours dedicated to filling out written bureaucratic reports and divert the small business owner's time away from caring for their animals.**

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**The proposed changes make no sense for all kennel owners' dogs to be seized by the Dog Law Bureau based on the Governor's proposed new requirements for pen sized or quarantine regulations. Dog Law places the same dog into a humane society not required to have the proposed new standards. It is vital to have fair and uniform kennel requirements. In addition, small business owners are affected greatly and their due process rights in court are limited if the proposed changes adopted.**

**I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded.**

**Yours Sincerely,**



**Emma Brubaker  
506 School Road  
Denver, PA 17517**

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**Kirik's Kennel  
8832 Union-Amity Rd  
Union City, PA 16438**

January 26, 2007

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2301 North Cameron Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

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Dear Ms. Bender,

I am writing in response to oppose the Dog Law Regulations Act 225 recently issued on December 16, 2006. The current regulatory proposals in general are unenforceable and extremely onerous when put into practice.

The proposed regulations call for kennels to be specific in regard to exercise and cleaning records. These would require a substantial increase in manpower and time dedicated to filling out written bureaucratic reports, and it would be impossible to verify their accuracy. This change would also divert the small business owner's time away from caring for their animals.

The bureau already requires the name, address, acquisition date, disposition date, type of sale, breed, sex, color, whelping date, and identification number be recorded for each and every dog sold, transferred, adopted, or given away. If the department wishes to enforce the law, they already have all information needed.

Unless the kennel has purchased, sold, or transferred more than 26 dogs in a calendar year to the individual, it is impossible for the kennel to know if the individual is required to have a Pennsylvania kennel license.

Additionally, kennels have been custom built to comply with the Department of Agriculture's Dog Law Enforcement standards that were based on USDA standards. The proposed changes of this section will require the demolition of licensed and inspected kennels and the rebuilding of entirely new dimensioned kennels. The average cost per kennel will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 each.

I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded and the USDA standard be adopted in Pennsylvania.

Yours Sincerely,

*Rebecca B Kirik*  
*of*  
*Kirik's Kennel*

Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement  
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Attn: Ms. Mary Bender  
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January 31, 2007

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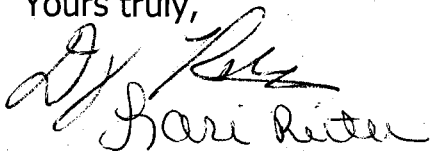
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Yours truly,



Reiter's Copper Creek Kennel  
1170 Barr Slope Rd  
Clymer, PA 15728

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**Emanuel Byler**  
**18424 Dry Run Rd West**  
**Spring Run, PA 17262**

January 30, 2007

Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement  
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Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

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Dear Ms. Bender,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed changes to the Dog Law Act 225 which was issued on December 16, 2006. I completely understand that substandard kennel conditions should not be permitted, but most of the proposed regulatory changes are impractical and costly.

These proposals call for change in definitions and requirements of licensed and inspected kennels within the Commonwealth. These extensive changes must go through Pennsylvania's House and Senate legislative processes.

The proposed regulations call for the temperature of the kennel floor to be 50F° in the warm weather. Many kennels are air conditioned to a comfortable 70F°. A dog sleeping on a 50F° floor can develop hypothermia and become ill or die. For temperature, lighting, cleaning, exercise, housing, and veterinary care, the attending veterinarian should set forth and approve procedures specific for the kennel buildings and breeds of dogs.

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Sincerely,

*Emanuel Byler*

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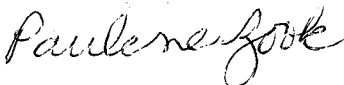
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Yours sincerely,



Paulene Zook  
RD #1, Box 22  
East Waterford, PA 17021



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Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

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Yours sincerely, *Roselyn Zook*

Roselyn Zook  
RD #1, Box 22  
East Waterford, PA 17021

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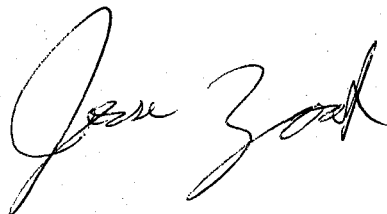
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Jesse Zook  
RD #2 Box 22  
East Waterford, PA 17021

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Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture  
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender  
2301 North Cameron Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

January 22, 2007

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The Departments direction and intentions are neither attributed as accepted canine husbandry practices nor substantiated by science. The Department should base their changes on education to improve the industry. I request that this proposal be withdrawn.

Yours sincerely,

*Dwight Martin*

Southside Kennel  
758 Ranck Rd  
New Holland, PA 17557

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Yours sincerely,

*Barbara A Buckland*

The Petite Puppy Botique  
51 A&B Chambersburg St  
Gettysburg, PA 17325

P-E KENNEL  
129 SPRING GROVE RD  
EAST EARL, PA 17519

JANUARY 30, 2007

BUREAU OF DOG LAW ENFORCEMENT  
PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
ATTN: MS. MARY BENDER  
2301 NORTH CAMERON STREET  
HARRISBURG, PA 17110-9408

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DEAR MS. BENDER,

I AM WRITING IN RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE DOG LAW ACT 225 WHICH WAS ISSUED ON DECEMBER 16, 2006.

WITH A FULL UNDERSTANDING THAT THE BUREAU IS TRYING TO IMPROVE SUBSTANDARD KENNEL CONDITIONS, I AM NOT IN AGREEMENT THAT MOST OF THE CHANGES ARE NECESSARY.

THE PROPOSED RECORD KEEPING WOULD REQUIRE ME TO WRITE DOWN THE DATE AND TIME I WASHED EACH FOOD AND WATER BOWL, EVERY TIME A PEN IS CLEANED; EACH INDIVIDUAL OUTSIDE RUN IS CLEANED, ETC. IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR ME TO HAVE MY GENERAL DAILY PROCEDURES THAT I ROUTINELY FOLLOW, IN WRITING. THIS IS SIMILAR TO HOW THE USDA REGULATIONS ARE WORDED.

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I SINCERELY URGE THAT THIS PROPOSAL BE WITHDRAWN, AS THE BENEFICIAL OUTCOME WILL BE IN QUESTION IF THE PROPOSAL IS ADOPTED.

YOURS TRULY,

*Paul D. Zerset*

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

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Yours sincerely,

*Inom Zunit*

Timber Ridge Kennels  
513 Ridge Ave  
Ephrata, PA 17522

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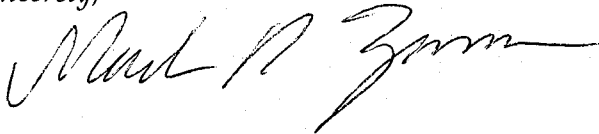
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Yours sincerely,



Turkey Hill Kennel  
300 E. Black Creek Rd  
East Earl, PA 17519

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PAW PRINTS KENNEL  
2911 WILLOW STREET PIKE  
WILLOW STREET, PA 17584

JANUARY 30, 2007

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PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
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YOURS TRULY,

*Sharon Hill, Owner*



John F. Glick  
85 Archery Road  
New Providence, PA 17560

January 18, 2007

Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement  
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture  
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2301 North Cameron Street  
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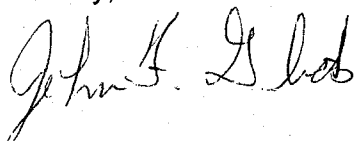
With a full understanding that the bureau is trying to improve substandard kennel conditions, I am not in agreement that most of the changes are necessary.

The proposed record keeping would require me to write down the date and time I washed each food and water bowl, every time a pen is cleaned; each individual outside run is cleaned, etc. It would be better for me to have my general daily procedures that I routinely follow, in writing. This is similar to how the USDA regulations are worded.

The proposed changes would also require the demolition of Pennsylvania's licensed and inspected kennels. Yet, there is no scientific basis for the change. In addition, the average cost to rebuild kennel will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 each.

I sincerely urge that this proposal be withdrawn, as the beneficial outcome will be in question if the proposal is adopted.

Yours truly,



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Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture  
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Yours sincerely,

*Mary Morgan*  
*Hugh R Morgan*

Tamora Kennels  
784 Menges Mill Rd  
Spring Grove, PA 17362

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1581 State Route 239  
Stillwater, PA 17878

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Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture  
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender  
2301 North Cameron Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

January 30, 2007

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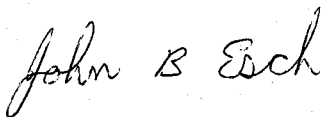
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Stoney Brook Kennel  
151 Lapp Farm Dr  
Coatesville, PA 19320

Feb. 1, 07

Mountain Side Dog Kennel  
HCR 61 Box 541  
Mill Creek, PA 17060

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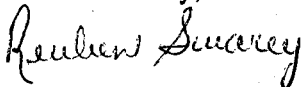
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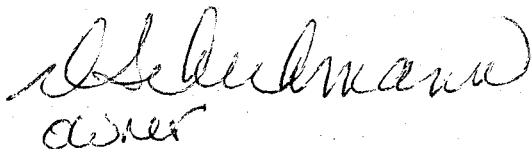
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The Pet Shop Inc  
170 Montgomery Mall  
North Wales, PA 19454

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The Dog Gone Barn Kennels  
104 Lazy West Ln.  
Cheswick, PA 15024

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Trifecta Kennels  
Gilbert Rd  
Gilbert, PA 18331

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Attn: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman  
333 Market Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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January 26, 2007

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Yours truly,

Roles Two Top Kennels  
14357 Ft. Loudon Rd  
Mercersburg, PA 17236

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Old Country Kennel  
187 Cornman Lane  
Landisburg, PA 17040

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*Craig E. Sterne*

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Yours truly,

*Patricia Santi*

Rhydowen Kennel  
173 Union Rd  
Coatesville, PA 19320

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**Kosmos Kennel  
22 Center St  
Slatington, PA 18080**

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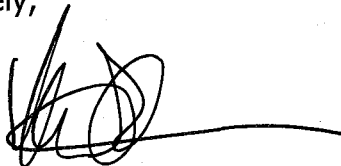
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I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded and the USDA standard be adopted in Pennsylvania.

Yours Sincerely,



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 333 Market Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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January 20, 2007

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli,

As a kennel owner for a good number of years, I appreciate the fact that the bureau has helped to improve the dog laws. With regard to the proposed dog law changes Act 225 issued on December 16, 2006, I have a few serious concerns.

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I sincerely urge that this proposal be rescinded.

Yours Sincerely,

This is sent to you by a  
 VERY concerned VOTER

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In addition, the proposed regulations call for the temperature of the kennel floor to be 50F° in the warm weather. Many kennels are air conditioned to a comfortable 70F°. A dog sleeping on a 50F° floor can develop hypothermia and become ill or die. For temperature, lighting, cleaning, exercise, housing, and veterinary care, the attending veterinarian should set forth and approve procedures specific for the kennel buildings and breeds of dogs.

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Yours sincerely,

Noah S. Zimmerman  
Rd #1 Box 65  
Martinsburg, PA 16662



Breezy Hollow Kennel  
HCR 61 Box 599B  
Mill Creek, PA 17060

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*Breezy Hollow Kennel*  
*Barbara Ann Peachey*

Luke Martin  
7243 Rice Rd  
Shippensburg, PA 17257

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*Luke R Martin*

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*Lupe R Martin*

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