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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 12, 2007

Dear Ms. Bender,

I am writing to comment on the proposed new dog laws that will be passed if your Dept. approves. I have been hearing much talk about these new laws changes and so I decided to read up on this myself. First, I must say it was difficult to find the entire 68 pages of regulation changes. I did find them on the Harrisburg K. C. website. Then as I began to read them I was quite overwhelmed. I wonder if the people who wrote these *rules* actually ever owned a dog? Did they ever snuggle on the sofa on a cold night with a dog? Share an ice cream cone after a long walk with a dog? But I am getting emotional and I don't want to get emotional.

I then called the breeder from whom I purchased my last 3 min. schnauzer puppies during the past 16 years. I still have 2 of them, and I wanted her opinion of these proposed changes. Well, she is also afraid she will have to reconsider breeding if she will not be allowed to raise her puppies in her home or allow them to go out on grass! She also said her motor home would also not meet the regulations so she may not be able to attend any dog shows in PA and is getting too old to travel far out of state. When I hung up I really felt sorry for what the Dept. of Agriculture is doing to good people like her.

I do feel that although the old regulations may need a little tweaking, if they were enforced, as they should be, there might not be a need for more rules.

I respectfully ask that your office rethink these unreasonable proposals and give the responsible breeders the respect they deserve. Many of them have worked hard to earn that respect. I know you couldn't find a better, more caring breeder than the one I was lucky to find. And it will be PA and min. schnauzer buyer's loss if she gives up breeding her dogs.

Sincerely,

