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Dear Ms. Bender.

Living in Delaware I am not sure you will even take the time to read this letter. Then again I can only hope you will find the time in your busy schedule.

I have lived in this very anti- dog state since 1978. This has been a wonderful place to raise my children and my dogs. Taxes are low, no sales tax. Very easy and fast to travel to most dog shows in the area. Coming from Iowa the prices I can get for my pets is also very helpful with my hobby of raising and showing dogs.

Coming from Iowa I am also very aware of what are puppy mills and back yard breeders. I have worked very hard to educate the public on why they should spend the money to purchase puppies from reputable breeders and not folks making a living selling dogs.

Ms. Bender as anyone can tell you, you can't make a living selling dogs. Sure the back yard breeders and millers do because of all the reasons I am sure breeders in PA have told you.

I am also very active in rescue. Do you know the number of dogs I have gotten to try to retrain and rehome from PA? Yes most of them. I am active in rescue not because I have nothing else better to do with my time or money. I feel very strongly that I must take part in trying to help my breed, which is the Lhasa Apso.

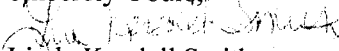
These poor animals that come into ALL rescues are 95 per cent of the time all ill bred dogs and pups. Full of temperament, genetic, problems I wonder what is going to happen to the general buying public when states force the reputable breeders to stop breeding and showing? Is that the end game for betterment of pure bred dogs?

Do you not realize the thousands of dollars we spend making sure we breed healthy sound dogs? That I never sell a pup before it's at least 13 to 16 weeks old. That I offer a life time genetic and temperament written guarantee on any puppy that I allow to be sold. I will not even sell my little pups into homes with families who work. My pups are 80 per cent house broken when they leave me so it's important that someone is there to let them out during the day. That just because you call me and say you want a Lhasa as a pet does not mean I think my breed is suited for you or your family. My males are never at public stud. People like me ARE not the problem.

There has to be a way somewhere some how to try to help you people understand and work with us not against us. Even the American Kennel Club allows all comers good and bad to advertise on their site for 30.00!! See they are into making money too. All that is going to be left at the end of the day are thousands of sick ill temper dogs that owners can't or will not live with. The SPCA's are full; rescues are full and sorry to say your state is one of the largest puppy mill states in the area now. The puppy millers are the ones who are making MILLIONS of dollars a year breeding and selling.

Just once I would like to see these "committees" have committed long time ONE breed breeders on them!! How refreshing it would be!! Most of us are just doing what we love, it's a "hobby" Ms Brender nothing more nothing less. We do not have an agenda, unlike PETA and so many others. As I said in the end the only ones who will suffer are breeders like me and the general puppy buying public. Please be careful what you wish for.

Sincerely Yours,


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