

February 13, 2007

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

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter to ask your support to implement changes to the regulations that affect dogs in puppy mills in Pennsylvania to the following:

- Doubling the minimum cage size
- Requiring daily exercise outside of the cage
- Required heat when the temperature drops below 50 degrees
- Required cooling (by fan or air conditioner) when the temperature rises above 85 degrees
- Improving ventilation in kennel areas
- Denying kennel licenses to individuals convicted of animal cruelty with the past 10 years

I would also like to ask for an exemption for shelters from the kennel expansion and exercise requirements. Also, I note that foster homes should be exempt from kennel housing requirements and instead have separate performance standards appropriate for home care settings.

I hear so many stories day-to-day about poorly run puppy mills. I feel it is my duty as a Humane Society of the United States member to make my voice heard for all animals that are treated inhumanely and are raised in deplorable conditions.

Thank you for your attention to this very important issue. I hope that you will support the new, more humane regulations proposed above.

Sincerely,



Nancy Rehl
King of Prussia, PA Resident

cc: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman, Independent Regulatory Review Commission
Bob Casey, Pennsylvania Democratic Senator
Arlen Specter, Pennsylvania Republican Senator
Joe Sestak, Pennsylvania Democratic Representative

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