

February 13, 2007

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

Dear Ms. Bender:

I am writing to voice my support for the proposed changes in Pennsylvania's outdated kennel regulations currently used to inspect commercial breeding operations in the State. These changes include:

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

I also support the following exemptions from the proposed changes in the regulations:

- Exemption for animal shelters from the kennel expansion and exercise requirements.
- Exemption for foster homes from the kennel housing requirements and instead have separate performance standards appropriate for home care settings.

These proposed changes would improve the living conditions of dogs who currently suffer in puppy mills across the State, as well as help Pennsylvania shed the negative reputation of "the puppy mill capital of the East." Please do what you can to ensure that these changes are approved and put into effect as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



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