

February 14, 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I am writing to ask that you support the proposed changes to the outdated Pennsylvania kennel regulations—currently used to inspect commercial breeding operations.

I believe the proposed changes could improve the living conditions of dogs who currently suffer in puppy mills.

Please support this legislation by voting in favor of the following requirements:

- » 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 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 ask that shelters be exempt from the kennel expansion and exercise requirements and foster homes be exempt from kennel housing requirements. Foster homes should have separate performance standards appropriate for home care settings.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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