

February 16, 2007

Ms. Mary Bender
Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

RE: Proposed Dog Law regulations

Dear Ms. Bender:

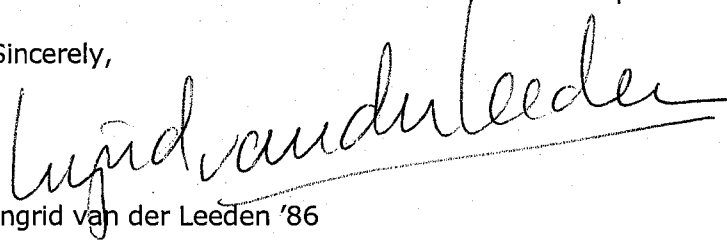
As an alumna of Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, PA, I was distressed to learn that Lancaster County is considered the "Puppy Mill County" of Pennsylvania. I urge you to not only make changes to the dog law regulations that will improve their care, but to also improve these regulations to include hobby breeders.

I fully support all of the comments submitted by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) on behalf of its members, and incorporate them by reference. I commend the Department of Agriculture and the Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement for proposing regulations that will improve the conditions for dogs housed and bred in Pennsylvania's commercial kennels.

Unfortunately, if these improvements are not passed, I will be forced to withhold my support of your wonderful state through return visits, tolls, restaurants, and shopping, etc, and will urge my friends and family to do the same until the welfare of animals is a priority in your state.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments. I look forward to your response and position on the ASPCA's recommended action steps.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ingrid van der Leeden". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Ingrid van der Leeden '86

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