

2559

RECEIVED

February 19, 2007  
1634 Pinehurst Court  
Pittsburgh Pa 15237

2007 FEB 22 AM 9:36

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY  
REVIEW COMMISSION

Department of Agriculture  
Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement  
Attention: Mary Bender  
2301 North Cameron Street  
Harrisburg Pa 17110-9408

Re: Puppy Mills

Dear Ms. Bender:


I would assume you are a dog lover considering your professional position. I am a dog lover also. I am concerned with the "onus" placed on Pennsylvania as the puppy mill capital of the United States. I was surprised to learn recently that the Amish sect was involved in this inhumane activity as well as others.

I bought a puppy mill dog 8 years ago, a Scottish Terrier, who died of lung cancer. I also know friends that purchased puppies from pet stores were told they had a pedigree dog, but never received papers for them. Our veterinarian has advised of horror stories of sickly puppies brought to him and he could not relieve their pain.

I am asking that your office review the proposed regulations and comments made to the legislators who are considering the bill. I am concerned that although inspections of breeder's facilities are included in the legislation, the industry has offered to "police" themselves rather than having state inspectors do this. State inspectors without prior notice to them should inspect all breeding operations. The cages must be made large enough to allow unrestricted movement. The females should be given periods of rest between pregnancies. Also, records must be kept and provided to inspectors upon request.

I ask you to make your comments known on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves; the dogs involved in this industry. The same rules should apply to all animals raised for profit.

Thank You. Edward Colerich  
1634 Pinehurst Court  
Pittsburgh Pa 15237



e-mail- [e.colerich@worldnet.att.net](mailto:e.colerich@worldnet.att.net)

✓ Cc: Arthur Coccodrilli, Independent Regulatory Commission