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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
attn: Ms. Mary Bender

Dear Ms. Bender

On a personal note, in response to the Dog Law Regulations Act 225 issued on December 16, 2006, it is appalling to me as a kennel owner. I take pride in my business and kennel management and have for 18 years. Instead of proposing this Act for all legal licensed kennels, why not go after the kennels that have had prior fines and warnings for uncleanliness, lack of adequate space, poor ventilation, incomplete record keeping; the puppy mills or illegal kennels that breed the same dog over and over with out a break than get ride of it. ;The pet stores selling sick puppies after buying them from the puppy mills; the Humane Society that euthenizes a well behaved, lovable healthy dog because they don't have the room, because we they keep non-placeable dogs. or they had the dog for too long with no prospective adoption; the abusive pet owners who have had warnings or citations for having pets with no shelter or dry warm bedding in their box, no food and water and are malnourished.

My husband and I have a very small kennel. Our yearly profit is minimal but it does not keep us from supplying the most sanitized, healthy, comfortable environment for our dogs. We have sufficient health and kennel records, adequate space and outdoor runs for our dogs, warm dry kennels, and most important of all, happy dogs. Our dogs have their rabies and yearly shots and our pups for sale all get vet checked and wormed before leaving the kennel. This is a very costly and results in outrageous vet bills, to assure a healthy pup that is being sold.

A few thoughts on new proposals for Dog Law Enforcement I feel are of much more importance are:

1. Regulating veterinarian costs so more people can actually afford to have their dogs spayed or neutered. This would minimize unwanted breeding. Example: The cost to spay a 4 pound female dog in Westmoreland County is close to \$400.00. Organizing more spay/neuter programs or reducing the cost during a Spay/Neuter Awareness Month would be a benefit.

2. Require Humane Societies to perform open house parties where people can come, mingle, spend as much time as necessary with a dog prior to adoption. Make it a happy fun event instead an everyday 9:00-5:00 facility. Some of these people do not know anything about putting the right dog with the right owners . I have known people that have gotten very sick dogs from the humane society because they do not do extensive tests .Everything is up to the new owner where a rescue service does everything .
check it out .!!!!

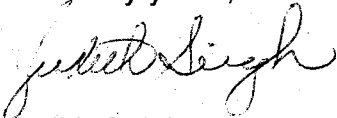
3. Funding for pet behaviorists to examine and analyze dogs from the Humane Society for placement in Nursing Homes for the elderly who would like to love and have a pet with them. I have taken dogs that have bitten and turned them around to be a good pet.

4. Fund Rescue Services who actually have all their dogs spayed or neutered, who have all the tests down to assure a healthy dog. . They find the best homes for all their dogs and they are not kept in cages forever. They are housed like a pet should be, before placing them for adoption.
You know some people do love dogs no matter what they are and what they do.

5. Enforce laws for licensing your dog by mail warnings or home visits and follow through with fines. Believe me, I've heard many people say, "I'm not getting license for my dog. Never did before, why start now." If kennels and responsible pet owners have too, so should everyone who wants to have a pet. and if they get fined they should have to pay the fine not let go by a masgistrate just because they cry broke. They did niot have rabies or license.

I hope my letter has explained my feelings in regards to not enforce the Act 225 proposal and where I think other issues are more needed. I appreciate your taking the time to read my letter and am willing to discuss further any program proposals I have mentioned. I do hope to hear from you in one way or another.

Sincerely yours,



Judith Seigh