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

February 21, 2007

Dear Ms. Bender:

I am writing to offer my comments on the dog law changes presently being proposed in Harrisburg. I have had a chance to read a bit about how these changes will impact on the small hobby breeder and I agree that this would be a real disservice to the PA puppy buyers looking for a well bred puppy for their family.

It seems like many of these new regulations could force small breeders to give up breeding rather than have to raise their puppies with these "commercial breeder" standards. For example, concrete and wire mesh flooring instead of grass? Plus it seems the typical flooring used in most breeders' homes would not comply with these new "commercial" regulations. And would breeders truly have to "sanitize" the walls and floors of their home every 24 hours?

I feel there should be a distinction between a small hobby breeder and a big commercial puppy producer. One does it for the love of the breed, the other one simply for profit. I've come across many fine breeders over the years, and if PA loses too many of these dedicated breeders it will be PA's loss and the unethical breeders gain.

I must agree with the statement I read in an article in the Harrisburg newspaper "we ask for no new regulations, just the enforcement of the current regulations." I couldn't have said it any better.

Sincerely

