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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 would like to write with my comments on the new dog law regulations that Gov. Rendell is proposing, in his words "to help the poor dogs in PA's puppy mills."

I just left my groomer/boarding kennel where I was given some information on some of these changes and I need to ask a few questions.

1. Is it true that I can not board my two dogs in the same indoor/outdoor pen if these new regulations pass, since one of them is a Brittany over 35 lbs. while the other is a smaller dog under 35 lbs? They would be devastated if they had to be separated and I don't appreciate the State of PA telling me I cannot do this.
2. Is it also true that the kennel must put a leash on my dogs and take them out of their indoor/outdoor run for a 20 minute walk every day? I prefer that my dogs remain in the indoor/outdoor run for safety and for my peace of mind. I would not want them taken out of their run for a "daily walk" Can I give written permission so that this does not have to be done?

I do appreciate you taking the time to read my letter and I would be very interested in the answers to my questions because I would like to be aware of the rule changes that will affect the welfare of my dogs.

*Sincerely,*

*Rick & Jan Stewart  
Bath, PA*