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Dear Sir:

February 22, 2007

I am writing you in support of changing the regulations that affect dogs in puppy mills. I would like you to include the following requirements:

Doubling the minimum cage size
Requiring daily exercise outside of the cage
Required heat when the temperature drops below 50 degrees
Required cooling (by fan or air conditioning) when the temperature rises above 85 degrees.
Improving ventilation in kennel areas
Denying kennel licenses to individuals convicted of animal cruelty within the past 10 years.

I was appalled to find out this was going on in my home state of Pennsylvania. I have been an animal lover all my life and I can't believe my beloved state would put up with such conditions as these. We are so lucky we have the Humane Society to try to sort out these things. They do wonderful things for our animals and puppy mills should have to live up to their standards.

In closing I also want to ask that you make an exemption for shelters from kennel expansion and exercise requirements. Foster homes should be exempt from kennel housing requirements and instead have separate performance standards appropriate for home care settings.

Sincerely Yours,
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