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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 22, 2007

Dear Ms. Bender:

I would like to offer some comments on the proposed regulation To the PA Dog Law before the comment deadline comes to an end.

It appears there has been very little input from dog boarding kennels or dog breeders regarding these changes. Even though these new rules, if passed, will greatly affect many of the good hobby breeders and for many small kennels, will hurt their businesses.

To request comments after the regulations are drawn up, rather than ask for advice from some dedicated breeders and hard working kennel owners before, doesn't make a lot of sense to me. Why couldn't the people who are working in this business have been asked for some help in drawing up this list of proposals in the first place? Did the bureau even think to have a few of the many respected breeders and/or dog clubs review the first draft? It might have saved a lot of time and money to try to get it right the first time. It's going to be harder to try to change what's been proposed now because no one is going to want have "their sections" taken out.

And I can't see how many of these new regulations will really do much to help the poor puppy mill dogs. There is only one way to help the dogs raised in puppy mills. Stop allowing dogs to be sold in pet stores. I don't know why that is allowed to continue. The Gov. says he wants/has to change the rule for the puppy mills. Yet, until you make it so difficult for pet stores to make a big profit selling dogs puppies and kittens that the CHOOSE TO stop selling puppies, we will never FIX the puppy mill problem. You don't have to be a rocket scientist to figure out if you just cut off the market for the puppy mills you will greatly reduce the many impulse purchased puppies that do end up in shelters.

Sincerely,

*Elizabeth Kelly*