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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture
2301 North Cameron Street
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February 23, 2007

Dear Ms. Bender:

I am writing on behalf of all the dog clubs in Pennsylvania and especially our local club, the Lehigh Valley Kennel Club. The proposed changes to the already tough Dog Laws now on the books in PA are something that I am having a very difficult time understanding.

I do not show in conformation, but many of my friends show their dogs in both conformation and obedience. I am hearing much concern about the ramifications that these new laws could have on the dog fancy in general and the reputable dog show people in particular.

I was shocked by the dollar amount (more than 33 million!) that just the AKC licensed dog shows bring into the local PA communities each year. I know that this revenue will be greatly reduced if these dog law changes have the effect that is now feared by the small show breeders. The sad part is that the alleged target of these changes, the PA puppy mills, will not miss a beat and will keep selling their inferior puppies to pet stores or directly to the unsuspecting public.

I respectfully ask you to not let these dog law changes take place. There must be some other way to deal with the on-going poor conditions of the irresponsible breeders without attacking the good reputable breeders.

Regards,

Jane A. King