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Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
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Dear Ms. Bender,

I would like to offer my comment on the dog regulations that Gov. Rendell has asked for in order to help the desperate conditions of the poor puppy mill dogs in PA.

it seems like there is a great lack of definition in many of the very confusing and "wordy" descriptions in these proposals.

First, there is no distinction between a large breeding kennel and pet boarding kennel. One is like a motel and the other keeps dogs for years, if not their entire lives, in cages. Next, it appears that a small private home breeder would have to meet the same requirements that the commercial large dog outfits would have to face. Your Dept. must realize there is a big difference between taking good care of a few dogs in your home with love and that of being responsible for 100's (often 1000's) of dogs - simple for profit.

I hope the PA Dept of Agriculture will take another look at these proposals and then become more realistic in the changes that must be made to actually protect the puppy mill dogs.

Yours truly,

