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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement  
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender  
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February 24, 2007

Dear Ms. Bender:

I would like to offer my humble comments on the pending regulation To the PA Dog Law before the comment deadline is over.

I will keep this short because I am sure (I hope) that there are a great deal of letters coming into your office on this subject.

Sorry to say, but the problem with puppy mills will always be there as long as pet stores are allowed to sell puppies. Families don't go to "Babies R US" for a baby so why does it make sense to allow pet stores to sell innocent living creatures that are at the mercy of whoever has the cash or credit to leave the store with a puppy like a loaf of bread or toaster.

Most of these are impulse purchases and many are bought to be a "surprise" for someone who is not even expecting a puppy, or for a birthday or Christmas gift.

Most of the sales clerks are young part-time students and although they may mean well, have no idea of these puppies are going to good homes or to face a horrible short life of abuse or neglect. This is where so many of the shelter and rescue dogs come from. They don't come from the responsible breeders who interview and screen buyers in depth before allowing a puppy to be bought.

I don't know why no one wants to face the reality of where this puppy mill problem begins.....which is mostly in the pet stores.

Sincerely,

