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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Mary Bender I am writing to you concerning new regulations to P.A. dog laws.

The new changes in the future towards kennels not help the professionals in the field.

The requirements for kennel systems are far too restrictive to the professional breeders already taking into consideration the size of their kennels and first and foremost, the comfort of their dogs. Many kennels that are truly devoted to their breed have kennels that suit their dogs. It would put a financial burden on many kennels to have to re-build their kennels to suit this requirement. A professional breeder committed to providing

the best environment and)
already meet these needs,

The puppy mills however
should be the ones who

should be checked by

following current guidelines

The puppy millers are

the person who is out
out to make money.

and will find ways to
cut costs and corners

to get a profit. And

professional breeders

motivations are to improve

the breed and this is not

motivated by money.

The management requirements

are restrictive. A breeder

makes sure that his dog

is properly exercised

in many different ways.

Some of these ways

included field training,

hunting and about raccoons.

The flush requirement

could be very slow

different to enforce. I know I was a breeder, gave each dog proper exercise but in many different ways.

To have exercise and leash requirements apply even to dogs kept in an owner's home is not practical enforcement. I have reported dogs who are treated cruelly every day and I might add (without proper shelter and nothing was done) also need more officers who can find these owners and make them comply with basic requirements. These dogs are not breeding dogs, but neglected pets who suffer day after day and they don't get fixed properly and have no vet care at all. We should have more officers to check on

the abused and neglected
dogs. The ~~is~~ thrown away
back yard dogs have
no voice. They are
never petted or
loved even basic vet

care such as rabies
certificates, and papers

A pro kennel already
is sure to have current
vaccinations on all dogs,
very important
to the professional to
provide the best care.

A pro would also (and
their own) measure
health cert, rabies/ and
be free of fleas/worms,
as their reputation
depends on it, and

incoming dog is
also kept separate
from a breeder's dogs
as they want to
protect them as

much as possible to
be common sense

Many record keeping requirements are unneeded.

A professional breeder has to keep records,

The feed and water requirements are too much. A professional

breeder also keeps their own contacts, a bill of sale, and a warranty.

A professional will also provide health clearances such as

OFA for elbows, hips, and

CERF sport yearly eye checks and statements from a

heart specialist. They say their

dogs are 50+ bred without regard for their welfare.

On the other hand,

puppy millers will breed

unhealthy dogs without

regard to any health

problems. They breed dogs that

are too young/ too old etc. A

breeder will keep and return when

needed.

I can say that these proposed requirements would put the most modern kennels out of business. They would have to spend so much money to refile their

kennels. This would cut down on puppy mills as they don't even meet current regulations and would find a way to continue to produce puppies without getting caught.

I do agree we need more dog warden sent. But we need to see about the neglected / abused animals and the professional will continue to strive to do the best for their kennels.

I am an animal lover
and see abuse / neglect
on a daily basis.

Please reconsider this
proposed regulation.

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