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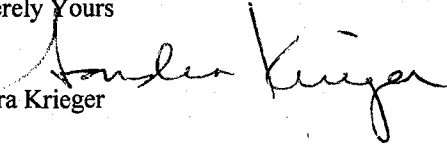
INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

Bureau Of Dog Law Enforcement
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
Pennsylvania Dept. Of Agriculture
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA. 17110-9408

Dear Ms. Bender

I am writing to you in response to the proposed changes to the Pennsylvania dog law regulations issued on Dec. 16, 2006. I have been involved with the breeding and showing of dogs and have had a K-1 kennel license since the late 1960's. It has always been important to me to follow the requirements for both the American Kennel Club and the Pennsylvania Dept of Agriculture, concerning the care, housing, record keeping, genetic testing and well being of my dogs. Many of the proposed changes are impractical, costly, unenforceable, and will not have a beneficial outcome, if adopted. The inhumane and substandard condition should never be tolerated but its my belief that the current regulations have not been adequately enforced. This seems to be the reason for new regulation, if we could have enforced the old regulation, maybe we wouldn't be in this position. Many breeders who do have small show and breeding kennels, won't be able to comply with the new rigid commercial kennel standards. Record keeping requirements for exercising, cleaning, air exchange, serve no useful purpose and would be hard to verify their accuracy. These are just a few of the problems I see with the proposed changes. Small breeders like myself, who breed quality dogs that are raised in the home, will probably just stop breeding. Commercial kennels will get bigger and you will not have stopped the problems, that these regulation are supposed to fix. The Pennsylvania Federation Of Dog Clubs has a more detailed comment list, which I am in Agreement with. **Please reconsider these proposed regulations.**

Sincerely Yours


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