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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement  
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IRT: 7PA CODE 21.24(b)

Dear MS Bender,

Please allow me to introduce myself. Cindy, from Williamstown, Retired From the US Navy, Dog Lover. I currently have five Dogs including a German Shepherd/Lab mix, three Labs and a Mt Fiest. All of which are Rescues, All of which have been Spayed or Castrated. I have no desire to have puppies.

As a Responsible Dog owner I don't understand the above Referenced code. I'm aware of not having access to the entire code. (I don't have internet access). However, I'm not

Could possibly be a benefit to a dog or puppy.

My youngest Lab (now 4 1/2 yrs) was a pet store puppy. From his records I've seen where he was born in MACON, MO. Shipped into PA and was three months old before purchased, by which time he had developed elbow seroma from being on hard surfaces and required surgery to have it removed. He was eight months old before he came to live with me.

My point is that with just this section alone provides for more medical problems. Hard surfaces are a big contributing factor to these types of cysts. In my mind it is not whether these areas have grass or not, the real issue is how well they are maintained.

My other male Lab was two years old when I rescued him. He was living in a chain link 8x8 or 10x10 dog cage which would have been okay except that it was not maintained. I personally shoveled five grocery store plastic bags of stuff out of his grass free enclosure to include vomit, feces and broken beer bottles. That was four and a half years ago. To this day he doesn't like to stand on a soft muddy surface. It is no

Owner's or breeders from unhealthy conditions. Changing the Code to No Grass will not necessarily provide better dogs in PA.

I was raised with hunters and fishers. Our family had over 20 beagles at one time. (not counting puppies) We had several Coon dogs and my one brother currently has three hunting dogs that are kenneled outside. We had to clean their exercise areas not only for their health but for human health and area sanitation.

Changing the codes will not help our K-9 population. The ability to enforce the laws and codes will. ~~Be~~ Responsible owners or breeders is the answer.

I'm also concerned how this change will effect the single dog families who decide to breed? Are the one or two dog homes that have show dogs not allowed to breed and raise puppies at their homes because their grassy yards are not a suitable exercise play area for puppies? What about our show dogs some of these are also house pets, members of loving and caring families.

Not all dog owners/breeders consider their dogs live stock. They are not bred for



Who advertise multiple breeds of puppies available at any given point in time. Some I'm sure are respectable, others are sure to be nothing more than a profitable business.

I don't know if I've gotten my points across very clearly or not. Please consider all aspects of these laws/rades before putting them into effect. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully  
Cindy M. Mace