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Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408



Hello! Love my habitat!

Dear Ms. Mary Bender,

As a residential dog owner I oppose the proposed 12/16/06 amendments to the Pennsylvania Dog Law regulations because I believe that the additional governmental regulation is unnecessary since dog owners/guardians and kennel owners are required to be in compliance with the requirements as set forth and in accordance with the Pennsylvania Dog Law.

**This proposed system of regulation will create additional and unnecessary expenses not only for the owners but also in the form of taxation to the general public.**

Animal care and their habitats as provided for by their respective owners are required to be maintained in accordance with the Pennsylvania Dog Law and should be constructed and/or provided in accordance with the owner's general purpose of ownership and privately owned habitat. Kennel specifications should not only be maintained in accordance with the Pennsylvania Dog Law but also in as natural a state as possible according to the owner's purpose and habitat without the imposition of regulation and manmade rigidity.

The dog that greets me at the end of the work day and nestles up next to me in my home is provided for and maintained not only in accordance with the Dog Law but also according to my habitat and purpose of ownership. **I could only imagine what kind of additional government regulation might be imposed upon me, my dog, or personal habitat for the simple reason that I own a dog.**

Finally, all dog owners/guardians and kennel owners in compliance with the Dog Law are subject to inspection by a Dog Warden and are subject to the prescribed recommendations and/or disciplinary actions as set forth by the Dog Law. It is the irresponsible owner that should be held accountable and over-regulation of responsible owners is not the answer to the problem.

Respectfully yours,

Brenda J Valentine  
Canine Owner

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