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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement  
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender  
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March 1, 2007

Dear Ms. Bender:

I realize that the date for the comment period is almost here and I hope I am not too late to offer my comments regarding the proposed changes to the PA Dog Law.

I truly hope that someone in Harrisburg can put the politics aside with this issue, and make some positive decisions that could indeed help the cause of the dogs in the many PA puppy mills, while still protecting the responsible small breeders in our state. I read that the dog entry at Westminster from PA was only second to that from CA. That says a lot about the quality and interest from the pure bred dog breeders in our state. I am afraid if these terrible regulation changes do pass as written, that it will do much more harm than good to the responsible breeders and in turn absolutely hurt the quality of dogs that will be available to puppy buyers in PA.

Hasn't anyone figured out that the less reputable breeders will always find a way around the law or simply will defy the law? It will be the honest, small hobby breeders who are going to be penalized by these new rulings and will make it impossible to breed litters in their homes (the BEST place to raise a well socialized puppy, by the way).

These regulations, while possibly well-meaning, appear poorly thought out. They seem to have put the breeders of many healthy, well-bred companion as well as show puppies, into the same category as the large commercial for-profit puppy producers. Doesn't that seem like an action that will bring all dogs DOWN not something that will be an IMPROVEMENT to PA's dogs?

Sincerely,

*Kathy D. Cortezzo*