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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
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March 2, 2007

Dear Ms. Bender:

I would like to offer a bit of wisdom to the issue before the Dog Law Board regarding the changes to the regulations about the operations of ALL kennels in PA.

First, I would hope the Dept. realizes that there are many, many different types of kennels in our state. From the small home hobby breeder who has one or two breeds and raises 2 or many 3 litters a year – to the large commercial puppy farmers in the middle and western parts of PA who think only of quick turn-around profits and their bottom line.

Then there are the small, responsible boarding kennels like the one I use. With large clean and bright indoor and outdoor runs and a caring staff, There are also boarding kennels that keep dogs in small cages with little outdoor time and minimal attention.

Plus you have dogs being boarding at veterinarians, again mostly in small cages (but that's exempt, why?) and young puppies in small cages for weeks and sometimes months at a time in pet stores (and that too is exempt from most of the proposed changes?)

So, if your Dept is proposing new rules that can be a "one-size-fits-all" FIX, sometimes what appears to be the easy way will actually makes things worse. This will be very wrong, and very unrealistic and totally unfair to the responsible dog people in PA

Therefore, I agree with many others when I respectfully ask that you reconsider these proposals.

Regards,

