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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
Pennsylvania Dept. of Agriculture
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March 3, 2007

Dear Ms. Bender:

I realize the comment period is almost over, but I would like to offer my comments on the pending regulation changes before the deadline does come to a close.

It seems to me that it is fairly obvious that there has been very little advice or input requested from actual dog breeders or dog boarding kennels regarding the changes that were drawn up that will greatly affect their hobby, passion, and even their livelihood.

To request comments after the fact is somewhat insulting to many of these dedicated breeders and hard working kennel owners. Why couldn't the people who are actually involved in the industry have been a part of the process that drafted this list of proposals in the first place? Or at least have some of the more respected breeders and dog clubs review the first draft. It definitely would have saved a lot of time, energy and a LOT of billable hours. (Billed to the PA taxpayers, of course)

Now there is a huge uproar about the affect this will have on the PA dog fancy as a whole. Sadly all this time spent won't really do much to help the poor puppy mill dogs. The only way to help the dogs raised in puppy mills is to stop allowing dogs to be sold in pet stores. But since that will never happen, there IS NO FIX to the puppy mill problem. That is not very difficult to figure out if you just follow the process from puppy mill to pet store to impulse buyer to animal shelter - and the \$\$\$\$ involved.

That's all I have to say. I know it won't make any difference because I am sure the die is cast and the outcome is already known. But at least I feel I said what I lot of people are thinking.

Sincerely,

