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Town & Country Kennel Inc.

and Pet Care Center

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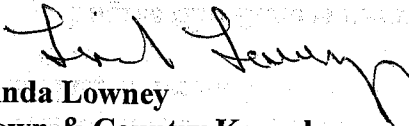
- Day Care
- Spa/Conditioning
- Grooming
- Boarding
- Pet Shipping
- International Transport
- Pet Supplies
- On Site Buxmont Veterinary Hospital

In the proposed rules and regulations there are exceptions made in kennel run sizes for pet stores, shelters and rescues because they will only house for short periods of time. So, on the same token, could we say that boarding kennels are exempt because they offer short term housing? These rules and regulations are so vague and open to interpretation that they would be difficult to implement and a nightmare to enforce.

First, there needs to be a clear definition of the different types of pet services and a clarification of the requirements we need to provide those services. We simply cannot all be lumped together. While we are all in the pet care industry and agree that the pets' well-being is first and foremost, the services offered by a breeding kennel are totally different from that of a boarding, or rescue kennel.

I agree that there is room for changes to the existing dog law, but to make such drastic amendments will only become a burden to those who have operated and maintained professional kennels. There is no denying that there are sub-standard kennels of various sizes that operate in the state of Pennsylvania, but there are already laws in place to restrict and monitor their operations. Perhaps if those laws had been properly enforced, there would be no need for such extreme changes. To implement these proposed rules and regulations would be time consuming, disruptive to our business operations, and will incur great expense to all kennel owners (pet service providers). If these proposed regulations would improve the quality of the dogs care. They would be worth considering. But, in my opinion the quality of care would be significantly reduced.

Regards,


 Linda Lowney
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