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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

PROPOSED RULEMAKING - DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Regarding [7 PA. CODE CHS. 21, 23, 25 AND 27] - Dog Law Enforcement

Dear Madam:

I am writing to support the proposed changes to the regulations that affect dogs in puppy mills, which should include the following requirements:

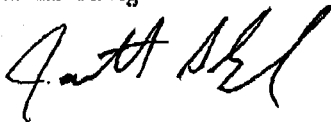
- » doubling the minimum cage size
- » requiring daily exercise outside of the cage
- » required heat when the temperature drops below 50 degrees
- » required cooling (by fan or air conditioning) when the temperature rises above 85 degrees
- » improving ventilation in kennel areas
- » denying kennel licenses to individuals convicted of animal cruelty within the past 10 years
- » other provisions in the proposed kennel regulations.

There has been some concern that animal shelters and rescue groups may be affected by the kennel regulations due to the addition of a new definition of "temporary home." I share this concern and support the following:

- » An exemption for shelters from the kennel expansion and exercise requirements
- » A note that foster homes should be exempt from kennel housing requirements and instead have separate performance standards appropriate for home care settings

Sincerely,

Jonathan Schlegel



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Womelsdorf, PA 19567

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March 2, 2007

Ms. Mary Bender
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Mr. Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market St., 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Ms. Bender and Chairman Coccodrilli:

I, along with many fellow citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, am ashamed and saddened that Pennsylvania is known as the "puppy mill capital of the East." For years, Pennsylvania residents have called upon their legislators and regulators to clean up the cruel puppy mills that brutalize dogs and tarnish the state's image. Thanks in part to Governor Ed Rendell's commitment to help the tens of thousands of dogs affected by Pennsylvania's puppy mills, the issue has recently received increased attention, and, on December 16, 2006, changes to the outdated kennel regulations—currently used to inspect commercial breeding operations in Pennsylvania—were proposed.

I strongly support adopting the proposed changes to improve the living conditions of dogs currently in puppy mills, including:

- Doubling the minimum cage size.
- Requiring daily exercise outside of the cage.
- Requiring heat when the temperature drops below 50 degrees F.
- Requiring cooling (by fan or air conditioner) when the temperature rises above 85 degrees F.
- Improving ventilation in kennel areas
- Denying kennel licenses to individuals convicted of animal cruelty within the past 10 years.

I also support the detailed comments on the proposed regulation changes submitted by the Humane Society of the United States. I also have concern that animal shelters and rescue groups (that are trying to improve the lives of these dogs) might be adversely affected by the kennel regulations due to the addition of a new definition of a "temporary home." I ask for an exemption for animal shelters from the kennel expansion and exercise requirements and that foster homes should be exempt from kennel housing requirements and instead have separate performance and care standards appropriate for home care settings.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,



Sandra Kapas-Warren
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cc: Senator Arlen Specter
Senator Bob Casey
Representative Robert Brady

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DRU ANN DELGADO
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Arthur Coccodrilli
Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
VIA FAX: 717-783-2664

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RE: PENNSYLVANIA PUPPY MILLS

Dear Mr. Coccodrilli:

I am contacting you concerning the upcoming legislation to improve the living conditions of dogs in "puppy mills" within Pennsylvania. Some of the issues which need to be addressed include:

- Doubling the minimum cage size
- Requiring daily exercise outside of the cage
- Required heath when the temperature drops below 50 degrees
- Required cooling by fan or air conditioning when temperature rises above 85 degrees
- Improved ventilation in kennel areas

ESPECIALLY

Denying kennel licenses to individuals convicted of animal cruelty within the last 10 years

Also I ask for an exemption for shelters from the kennel expansion and exercise requirements and that foster homes should be exempt from kennel housing requirements and instead have separate performance standards appropriate for home care settings.

Your attention to these issues is appreciated.

Sincerely,



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Independent Regulatory Review Commission
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333 Market Street, 14th Floor
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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
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January 31, 2007

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli,

I am writing in response to the proposed amendments to the Dog Law Act 225 which was issued on December 16, 2006.

The current proposed regulation changes have appeared to be burdensome and beyond rulemaking. The proposals add completely new categories and definition to the existing laws. These changes must be addressed through the legislative process.

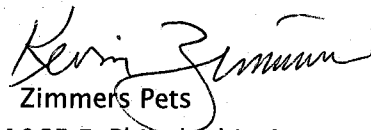
The proposals referencing housing and social interaction of dogs of different sizes are contrary to good husbandry, socializing and training practices. Furthermore, there is no scientific or accepted husbandry basis for the amended space and exercise requirements.

In addition, the proposed regulations call for the temperature of the kennel floor to be 50F° in the warm weather. Many kennels are air conditioned to a comfortable 70F°. A dog sleeping on a 50F° floor can develop hypothermia and become ill or die. For temperature, lighting, cleaning, exercise, housing, and veterinary care, the attending veterinarian should set forth and approve procedures specific for the kennel buildings and breeds of dogs.

The proposed changes above will require Pennsylvania's licensed and inspected kennels to be demolished and rebuilt. The average cost will be between \$30,000.00 and \$500,000.00 per kennel, if the proposed laws are adopted.

The current proposed appears to be over idealistic in term of improving the welfare of dogs. I urge that this proposal be rescinded and an approach similar to the USDA standards be developed.

Yours sincerely,


Kevin Zimmerman
Zimmers Pets

1065 E. Philadelphia Ave
Gilbertsville, PA 19525

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Department of Agriculture
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Dear Mary Bender:

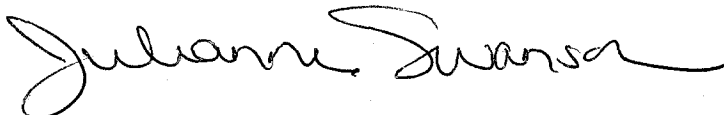
I am writing to ask for better treatment for the dogs in Pennsylvania's puppy mills. I support the proposed changes that would:

- Double the minimum cage size
- Require daily exercise outside of the cage
- Require heat when the temperature drops below 50 degrees
- Required cooling (by fan or air conditioning) when the temperature rises above 85 degrees
- Improve ventilation in kennel areas
- Deny kennel licenses to individuals convicted of animal cruelty within the past 10 years

I also want to ask for an exemption for shelters from the kennel expansion and exercise requirements and note that foster homes should be exempt from kennel housing requirements and instead have separate performance standards appropriate for home care settings.

Please help the tens of thousands of dogs who suffer in Pennsylvania's puppy mills. This is a disgrace to our state. Governor Ed Rendell is committed to helping these dogs.

Sincerely,



Julianne Swanson
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cc:

Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

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Dog Law Bureau Director, Independent Regulatory Review Commission:

I support the changes to the commercial dog regulations submitted by the Coalition Against Misery. The proposed regulations by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture that were recently published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin do not adequately address the issues of temperature control, cage conditions and humane breeding practices.

I am strongly opposed to commercial breeding kennels where the costs are minimized by providing substandard care and conditions for the dogs in an effort to increase the profit. I am writing to request that you immediately take steps to address the horrific conditions in commercial kennels in Pennsylvania. Every kennel must be required to have a visible, safe source of heat and air-conditioning. Additionally, the regulations should limit the number of dogs that are kept in a cage. And finally, we ask that you include breeding regulations consistent with those established by reputable breed clubs.

It is a profound embarrassment that Pennsylvania is known as the Puppy Mill Capital of the East Coast. Please take steps to ensure that the new regulations provide humane conditions for the dogs. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Karen S. Johnson
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March 7, 2007

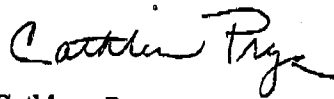
Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Mr. Coccodrilli:

I am writing to support the proposed regulations that would improve the outdated kennel regulations used to inspect commercial breeding operations in Pennsylvania. Current regulations do not ensure humane treatment of dogs in puppy mills and this is a concern of mine.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Cathleen Pryor
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Camp Hill, Pa. 17011

Cc: Mary Bender

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March 7, 2007

Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Mr. Coccodrilli,

My name is Erica Cohen and I am writing this letter in hopes of verbalizing my interest and support of the current Pennsylvania legislature regarding Puppy Mills. I believe this is a very important topic, for the inhumane condition and cruelty these animals endure is unacceptable. When looking at websites such as www.stoppupmills.org and www.prisonersofgreed.org, I am deeply saddened by the stories and photographs I see. It is very widely publicized that Pennsylvania has a large number of puppy mills; there are hundreds of kennels with thousands of dogs that are currently suffering and some even freezing to death in below zero temperatures of winter. Pennsylvania has even been nicknamed the "puppy mill capital of the East." These animals understand what is happening to them and can feel the pain and torture they endure. As humans and Pennsylvania citizens, I know it is up to us to stop and prevent this cruelty toward animals. I really hope you are willing to address this issue. I greatly appreciate your time.

Sincerely,



Erica Cohen

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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

January 30, 2007

Dear Ms. Bender,

I am writing to express a few concerns that I have with regard to the proposed Dog Law Act 225, which was issued on December 16, 2006.

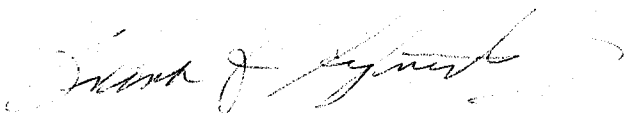
I appreciate that fact that the bureau has helped to improve the dog laws in the past several years. However, the current proposed regulation changes have appeared to be intentionally burdensome and go far beyond mere rulemaking.

The proposals add completely new categories and definition. These changes must be addressed through the legislative process.

The proposed changes require the kennel owner to record every time a water bowl or food pan is washed, every time the primary and secondary pen enclosures are cleaned, and the feeding and watering dates and times, etc. All these burdensome and excessive requirements will require a substantial increase in manpower with many hours dedicated to filling out written bureaucratic reports and divert the small business owner's time away from caring for their animals.

The Departments direction and intentions are neither attributed as accepted canine husbandry practices nor substantiated by science. The Department should base their changes on education to improve the industry. I request that this proposal be withdrawn.

Yours sincerely,



Stonewall Farm Kennel
166 Sickler Pond Rd
Jermyn, PA 18433

Independent Regulatory Review Commission
Attn: Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

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Dear Chairman Coccodrilli,

I am writing in response to the Dog Law Act 225 that was issued on December 16, 2006, of which I have several disagreements. The regulatory proposals in general are very difficult and costly to enforce, extremely onerous, and not feasible when put in to practice.

The new proposal only permits a licensed kennel to buy from another licensed kennel. This is fraud for the following reasons:

1. Unless the kennel has purchased, sold, or transferred more than 26 dogs in a calendar year to the individual, it is impossible for the kennel to know if the individual is required to have a Pennsylvania kennel license.
2. It is unlawful for the department to regulate and inspect kennels outside of Pennsylvania.
3. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture Dog Law Enforcement Bureau already requires the name, address, acquisition date, disposition date, type of sale, breed, sex, color, whelping date, and identification number be recorded for each and every dog sold, transferred, adopted, or given away. If the Department wishes to enforce the law, they already have all information needed.

The proposals referencing to housing and social interaction of dogs of different sizes are contrary to good husbandry, socializing and training practices. Moreover, there is no scientific or accepted husbandry basis for the amended space and exercise requirements.

The current proposal claims to be a general list of ideas to improve the breeding environment for dogs, which are neither substantiated by science nor attributed as accepted canine husbandry practices. A better idea would be for Pennsylvania to adopt USDA type standards.

I sincerely request that this proposal be withdrawn.

Yours Sincerely,



Darlene Fair
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Bernville, PA 19506

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March 13, 2007

As a resident of Pennsylvania, I am writing a letter in support of the proposed changes to the regulations that affect dogs in puppy mills in Pennsylvania as follow:

- ❖ Doubling the minimum cage size
- ❖ Requiring daily exercise outside of the cage
- ❖ Requiring heat when the temperature drops below 50 degrees
- ❖ Requiring cooling (by fan or air conditioning) when the temperature rises above 85 degrees
- ❖ Improving ventilation in kennel areas
- ❖ Denying kennel licenses to individuals convicted of animal cruelty within the past 10 years

Also please exempt shelters and rescue groups from the kennel expansion and exercise requirements.

Foster homes should be exempt from kennel housing requirements and instead have separate performance standards appropriate for home care settings.

Thank you,

Debbie Smith
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JOHN G. STEELE
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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
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Mr. Arthur Cocodrilli
 Chairman
 Independent Regulatory Review Commission
 333 Market Street, 14th Floor
 Harrisburg, PA 17101

I want to express my support for the following proposed changes to the Pennsylvania Dog Kennel Regulations:

- The minimum cage size for dogs should be doubled.
- Daily exercise for all dogs should be required – outside of their cages.
- Proper heat should be required, when the temperature drops below 60 degrees.
- Fan or air conditioning cooling should be required, when the temperature rises above 85 degrees.
- Improved ventilation should be required in all Kennel areas.
- No individual who has been convicted of animal cruelty within the last 10 years should be able to obtain a Kennel License.

In my opinion, the following exemptions should also be approved:

- An exemption for legitimate shelters from the Kennel expansion and exercise requirements.
- An exemption for legitimate foster homes from Kennel housing requirements. Instead, separate performance standards should be set that are appropriate for home care settings.

The people who try to defend (or make excuses for) the Puppy Mill industry rationalize that, in a market economy, they must be selling healthy puppies in order to stay in business. There is very substantial evidence to the contrary, i.e. that many Puppy Mill puppies (often purchased by unsuspecting people at pet stores) actually have real physical and/or mental problems.

However, even if all of their puppies were healthy, the "Puppy Mills" themselves would be abominable, because of the virtual torture that is experienced on a daily basis by the mothers and fathers of the puppies. They are kept in tiny wire cages, forced to walk on the cage wires, every day of their sad lives – usually with little or no exercise. Often these cages are stacked on one another, so that the dogs in the lower cages are continually living in urine and feces.

Most kennel facilities are woefully inadequate – unheated in the freezing winter months, no protection from sweltering heat in the summer. The horror stories go on and on – dogs with missing feet being forced to walk on the cage wires (because they can still breed), litters of puppies born in the heat of summer and being literally fried to death (because nobody was there to care for them), the parent dogs being electrocuted, shot, or drowned when their breeding value has ended, as well as many, many more atrocities.

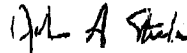
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These parent dogs receive non-existent dental care, so many of their teeth are missing or painfully rotten. Dogs that have a lot of fur usually have a lot of matted fur, sometimes so much so that they can't even stand or walk. Real vet care is non-existent, so routine problems are allowed to turn into horrible pain issues for these dogs. Females often experience excruciating pregnancy and/or childbirth pain from being bred while much too young, and also because their internal organs have been damaged by too many caesarian sections.

The heartless people who create and profit from this hideous treatment of defenseless dogs should not only be put out of business, but also prosecuted to the fullest extent of existing cruelty to animals laws. Gov. Edward Rendell has admirably started the process of breaking the cycle of abuse that exists in so many of the Puppy Mills by championing new regulations for kennel operators. The adoption of these new Kennel regulations will be a positive step in providing some protection for the poor, helpless dogs who are lifetime prisoners of these vile Puppy Mills.

Sincerely,



John G. Steele

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Karen Brand
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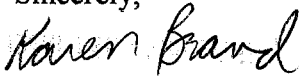
Dear Mr. Coccodrilli,

I am outraged by the Puppy Mills located in Pa. The conditions in these mills are too horrible to mention. These mills brutalize dogs and tarnish the state's image. I believe these should be under strict regulation of the state—and include better protection from the elements, more cages and general concern for the welfare of these animals.

I cannot believe that such conditions are allowed to take place in the state where I pay taxes and have chosen to raise my children.

I appreciate your consideration of my comments and am confident that you will support any humane legislation. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Karen Brand
Cc: Mary Bender, Dept. of Agriculture



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HELP PENNSYLVANIA POOCHES

Pennsylvania—nicknamed the "puppy mill capital of the East" because so many puppy mills call the state home—may soon become a more humane place for pooches. Thanks to Governor Ed Rendell's commitment to help the tens of thousands of dogs affected by Pennsylvania puppy mills, the issue has been getting a lot of attention and, on Dec. 16, changes to the outdated kennel regulations—currently used to inspect commercial breeding operations in Pennsylvania—were proposed.

The proposed changes could improve the living conditions of dogs who currently suffer in puppy mills. If you are a Pennsylvania resident, you can help by submitting a letter supporting the new, more humane regulations. Please don't miss this chance to help puppy mill dogs in your state!

With your support, changes to the regulations that affect dogs in puppy mills could include the following requirements:

- » doubling the minimum cage size
- » requiring daily exercise outside of the cage
- » required heat when the temperature drops below 50 degrees
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- » denying kennel licenses to individuals convicted of animal cruelty within the past 10 years

Writing Your Letter of Support

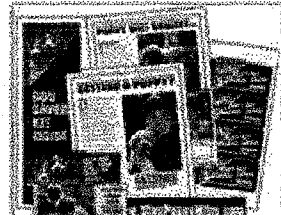
You can submit a short statement of support or a more detailed letter. Letters do not need to be overly formal or lengthy and can be as detailed or as broad as you like. You might want to note support for:

- » the provisions listed above
- » other provisions in the proposed kennel regulations that you feel are important.
- » the detailed comments submitted by The

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March 14, 2007

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It is a profound embarrassment that Pennsylvania is known as the Puppy Mill Capital of the East Coast. Please take steps to ensure that the new regulations provide humane conditions for the dogs. Thank you.

Sincerely,

BETSY'S COCKER PLACE, INC



By: Jane Dweck



Mr. Kenneth A. Scott
P.O. Box 476
Pocono Lake, PA 18347

February 19, 2007

*Ms. Mary Bender
Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
PA Department of Agriculture
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, Pa 17110-9408*

Dear Ms. Bender:

I am writing this letter to inform you that I am against the new dog law proposal. I do believe that inhumane and substandard kennel conditions should not be tolerated, but I do not agree that most of the proposed regulatory changes are needed, or that if adopted, these changes would necessarily have a beneficial outcome.

Camp KCS is one of the finest kennels around. If the new laws are adopted, it will put a HUGE burden on not only the owners of the kennel but also on the customers who board their dogs at the kennel.

I ask that you oppose this law. If the proposed law does go into effect, the owners will have to increase their charges for boarding. Many customers will not be able to afford the increases, and many kennels, such as Camp KCS, may be forced to go out of business.

I am in full support of the changes to the new dog law proposal that have been suggested by the owners of Camp KCS.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Scott



Robin Scott
PO Box 476
Pocono Lake, PA 18347

February 19, 2007

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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
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Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Robin Scott

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Barbara W. Howard
998 Broad Run Road
West Chester, PA 19380-1532

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Mr. Arthur Coccondrilli
Chairman of the Independent Regulatory Review Committee
333 Market Street, 14th Fl.
Harrisburg, PA 17101

VIA FAX
717-783-2664

RE: Pending Puppy Mill control legislation

Dear Mr Coccondrilli,

As a citizen of Pennsylvania, and a dog owner, I wish to express my gratitude concerning the pending legislation to improve and regulate conditions at kennels in Pennsylvania, especially at the "puppy mills" that are numerous in the State.

I would like to ask that allowance for flexibility be included in the legislation for non-profit rescue groups, particularly those that are not kennel based. These organizations do a great deal of good and offer a service that, if not available, would overwhelm the SPCA and other organizations, and result in needless death for many animals.

Also, in order to support and help, rather than hinder, these rescue groups, it would be helpful to have a representative of these rescue groups on the Dog Law Advisory Board.

Thank you for considering my input.

Sincerely,

Barbara W Howard
Barbara W. Howard

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Chairman of the Independent Regulatory Review Committee (IRRC):
Arthur Coccodrilli,
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Mr. Coccodrilli:

1. The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.
2. Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

Thank you for your consideration:



Judy Beery
10315 Wanneta Rd.
Albion PA 16401

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Arthur Coccodrilli
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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli,

I am writing to ask two things related to the changes Governor Rendell has proposed to the dog law regulations.

Non-profit animal welfare groups are not in the same category as the people doing the kinds of things which these legislative changes are meant to address – they are the organizations which struggle to deal with the “animal fallout” created by such people. As such, their employees and board members have a clearer picture than most of many of the things involved in the issues relevant to these regulations.

Please make sure that:

1. The Dog Law regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.
2. Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

Sincere thanks to Governor Rendell for his commitment to change the situation for puppy mill animals in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

Lesley Bachman

To: Honorable Mike Carroll

To: Bureau Of Dog Law Enforcement, Pa Dept Of
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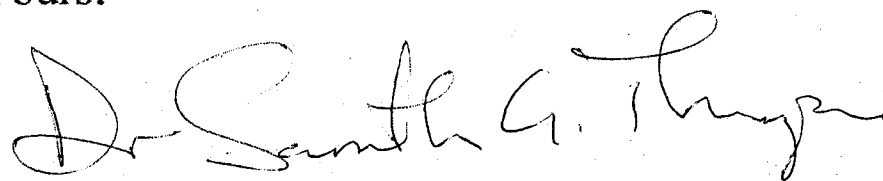
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Dr Samantha G. Thompson
Veterinarian

02-13-2007

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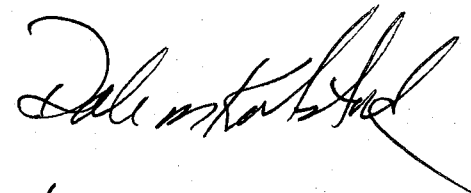
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191 PIONEER Rd
Kresgeville, PA
18333

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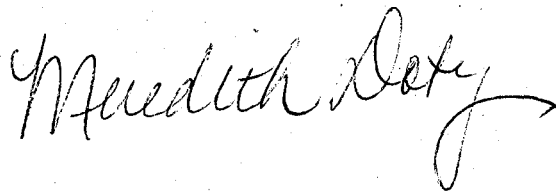
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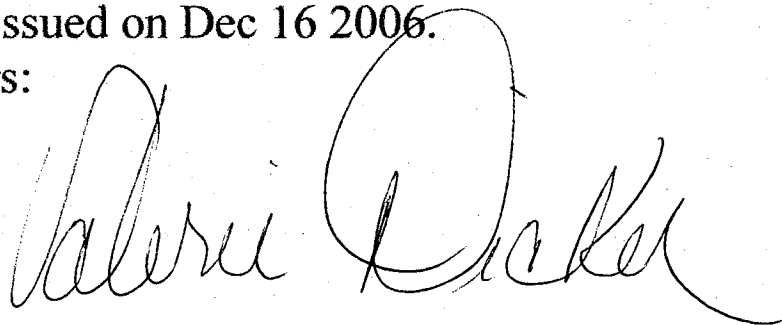
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528 Lindbergh Ave.
Stroudsburg, PA 18360

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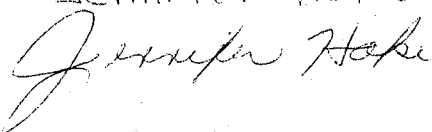
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NAME Jennifer Hoke


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Albrightsville, PA 18210

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Name Ilya M. Picca
Joseph Picca

ADDRESS 2037 Treble Dr
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Bonnie R. Hackett

P.O. Box 329

*Kresgeville, Pa
18333*

February 7, 2007

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2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

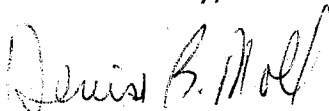
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Once again, I applaud your efforts on behalf of the helpless animals that are suffering in the state of PA at this very moment due to the greed of certain individuals. I hope that you will work tirelessly to see to it that this legislation can be passed and become law. It is my hope that the final legislation will not interfere with the work of shelters and rescues who are already working tirelessly on behalf of animals. That being said, I would like to once again express my support of this legislation.

Most sincerely,



Denise B. Moll
248 Highland Avenue
Kutztown, PA 19530

February 5, 2007

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Megan Coursey
18720 Shremor Drive
Derwood, MD 20855

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Dear Ms. Bender:

I am writing you in reference to the new legislation being proposed by lawmakers in Pennsylvania in an attempt to improve the living conditions of animals that live in commercial breeding facilities. As a family member of several Pennsylvania residents that have adopted dogs that were rescued from these "puppy mills", I applaud your efforts and thank you for your work on behalf of the animals.

I am writing to express my strong support of this legislation. It is my hope that legislators will not bend to the special interests of groups who are allowing their financial self-interest to supercede the welfare of the dogs that live in these commercial breeding facilities. I understand that many of these dogs spend **years** living in cramped cages with little or no medical care, poor nutrition, no socialization and no opportunity for regular exercise. It is my understanding that these are the facilities that this legislation is intended to regulate more effectively.

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Sincerely,


Megan Coursey

February 6, 2007

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February 5, 2007
34 Main Street
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Carole A. Cerase

30 Newberry Lane
Levittown, PA 19054
February 9, 2007

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Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
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Dear Ms. Bender:

As a dog lover and an animal advocate, I applaud the steps recently taken by the Dog Law Advisory Board to update the antiquated regulations that have left thousands of PA dogs suffering on a daily basis.

The newly drafted proposed regulations, introduced on December 16, 2006, are practical, enforceable, and will greatly improve the quality of life for the dogs living in the commercial breeding kennels. Moreover, those breeders opposing the regulations, based upon the costs they will incur to implement the necessary changes, do not have the dogs' best interest at heart. Clearly, these are the breeders who should be out of the business should they choose not to support or comply with the new regulations; the issue is the health of the dogs - not the money in the breeder's - or dog registry's - pocket.

It is absolutely documented by canine authorities that daily exercise, grooming, proper veterinary care and quality housing all serve to promote canine health and mental stability..

The Bureau has my whole-hearted support to implement the newly drafted proposed regulations and to continue policing and shutting down the substandard kennels that have littered our state to such a degree that we're known as the 'Puppy Mill Capital' of the east.

Sincerely,



Joan Miller
30 Newberry Lane
Levittown, PA 1919054

1103 Lincoln Avenue
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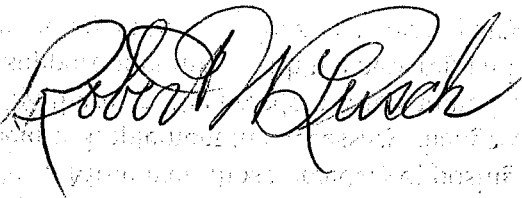
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Sincerely,

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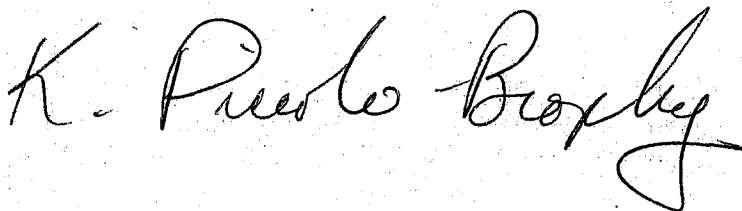
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