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To whom it may concern,

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY  
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I would like to comment on the <sup>published</sup> 'Dog Laces' as per article in the Lancaster "Ink" Mar. 7 - Lisa Weisberg should be commended for her input into the horrible situation that exists in Pa. concerning dog breeders etc. I have seen with my own eyes the terrible conditions some dogs live their entire lives in - filthy, no exercise, constant breeding. Rep. Jim Cox is in left field if he believes one can purchase a healthy dog if it looks healthy! Sometimes a problem cannot be recognized by an inexperienced person looking for a nice pet. Limits should be put on how many times a year a dog can be bred - a rest between litters should be considered. Large cages a must, as well as exercise outside the cage each day. As for veterinarians monitoring conditions of kennels - what a joke - just look what goes on at the race tracks - lets look the other way & continue to dispense drugs - It is always about the almighty dollar.

In Lancaster county everyone looks the other way when it comes to Amish horses - some are fine, however, the majority are in poor physical condition - not fed enough and

also they live in poor conditions still  
wise - I have seen it first hand.

We need to support the proposed  
changes in the rules & laws concerning  
these conditions of the dog breeding  
business. Our state has a terrible reputation  
when it concerns "puppy mills" - ignorance  
has abounded for so long -

Sincerely,

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