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Dear Mr. Coccodrilla :

I wish to take the privilege to thank you for taking your time to listen to the opinions and testimonys concerning the proposed regulations of the Pa. dog laws .

I am certainly not agreed that we need those particular laws as proposed. There are laws though, we would need that would benefit the breeder as well as the consumer.

(1) That the consumer would need to be certified to buy a dog in Pa. Something which could be done at a vets office at a small cost , or even at a breeders office . This would require the customers signature , and records would be kept at the kennel for the dog law officer to inspect if he wished .

(2) Another law I would be in favor of was mentioned at the meeting , that the kennel vet should be more involved , rather than creating more new laws .

(3) A law we do need is that inspectors would be required to wear disposable boots as well as gloves before entering a kennel . This would include anyone coming from another kennel .

SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THE CUSTOMER SHOULD ANSWER :

- (1) Do you at present have a dog or cat ? If so , what kind ?
- (2) Have you ever had a dog before ? If so what became of it ?
- (3) Why do you want a dog ?
- (4) Do you plan to spay or neuter your dog ? If not , why not ? If you want a dog to breed you will need to furnish reference regarding his home . This same pup will also cost more .
- (5) Do you prefer a male or female ? Why ?
- (6) Who will be primarily responsible for your dog ? Grooming , Training , and general care.
- (7) Who will take care of your dog when you are on vacation ?
- (8) Does your lifestyle allow time for a dog ?
- (9) Will someone be at home with your dog during the day ? If not , where will it stay ?
- (10) Is your own character and personality strong enough to establish a proper relationship between you and your dog ?
- (11) Do you have endless patience required for your dog training regimen ?
- (12) Is your living enviornment suitable for a dog ?
- (13) Please describe the conditions where your dog will live .
- (14) Can you afford the cost of dog ownership ? Including purchase , upkeep , food , and veterinary care ?
- (15) Please state name and telephone number of your veterinarian .
- (16) Are you single or married ?
- (17) Do you have children ? If so what are there ages ?
- (18) Are the people you live with anxious to have a dog ?
- (19) Do you live in the city ?
- (20) Do you have a lawn ? If so , is it fenced in ?

According to how these questions are answered , the breeder should have a general idea whether the customer is qualified to own a dog . " To many consumers are buying on a whim " .

Questions that were asked at the meetings that I appreciated were :

- (1) Were you asked for your advice concerning these proposed regulations ?
- (2) Will more laws be better for the industry ?
- (3) How knowledgeable will the govenors swat (special weapons and tactics ) team be concerning Animal Husbandry and Veterinarian Science ?

It is noteworthy , as well as interesting , that the girl from N.Y. (ASPCA) was asked by govenor Rendell to help set up these new regulations , but did'nt ask Pa. Farm Bureau , or Penn State Veterinarians , or Pa. Federation of Dog Clubs , or any of the many other organizations who would have been able to give him good information .

It was mentioned by the girl from N.Y. , that some of the pups raised in Pa. had congenital or hereditary defects . I assume a certain percent of dogs raised will have some health problems regardless of how well they were bred and raised . My question is , what is the percentage of dogs raised in Pa. that have health problems , compared to other states ?

Another issue that was well adressed was that some breeds are more prone to health problems such as the short nosed or also short haired , and small breeds require the finest conditions not only the first 10 wks. but there whole life . The german shepherd and other large , long-haired breeds have less health issues , so when speaking of percentages of health issues it

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would be well to take into account which breeds we refer to .

That may be another reason I am in favor of the customer needing a certification . This would help make the buyer aware that not all dogs are bred to serve the same purpose , and also have different health issues , as well as help make the buyer aware of his responsibility and obligations of owning a dog , I realize that a dog is not the best choice for everyone , and this certification would not need to be extensive or expensive . Such a law would benefit the breeder as well as the buyer .

The new laws as proposed are not about animal welfare , they are about animal rights at the expense of our rights . The regulations as proposed are a very shortsighted approach to the issue . The economic loss to the state<sup>would be</sup> in the millions in tax revenue alone . Furthermore supply and demand will rule , as long as people want pets, there will be pets to be bought , whether they are raised in Mexico or China , and what are the conditions there ? Dogs are already being imported . These regulations would be the beginning of the end of high quality pets .

I have been a dairy farmer in this state since the 60's, I have raised cows, horses, chickens, sheep and dogs, to name a few, and I have always been very concerned about animal welfare, but there is a colossal difference between animal welfare, and animal rights.

I cannot imagine the Humane Society coming to our farm and claiming a horse that I was treating for a sore shoulder, or a cow I was treating for milkfever, and telling me I have 10 days to get rid of all my animals or face a prison sentence. This may sound farfetched, but this is how they are handling the dog situation and that time may be closer than we may think if the farmers do not stand united in this present situation. United we stand, divided we fall.

If PETA put there whole agenda up at one time, they would not be able to deceive anyone, they need to take one step at a time and divide the farmers, and also promise one thing and do another which is happening at this time .

Concerning kennel conditions in Lanc. Co., which is receiving much negative publicity at this time, I can imagine there may be a few kennels that could do better, but I had the privilege to visit several times with the AKC inspector (he inspects our kennel once a year) , his area is from Md. to Maine, and he says he has no other general area where the kennels are as well kept as in Lanc. Co., rural NY., he says is his worst area, and when he mentioned what some of the conditions were that he sees, I could not imagine raising dogs in such a situation. So why does Lanc. Co. get all this negative publicity with people on main roads shouting obscenities as well many other complaints? It is because of PETA's negative information to the public.

I would highly recommend all state representatives read the last 200 pages of Ron Heveners book "High Stakes", concerning the history of different animal rights groups and their activities. This book is printed by Pennywood Press, 1338 Mountain Road, Manheim Pa., and can be bought at bookstores for \$12.95. In this controversial novel, award winning Ron Hevener delivers to his readers a bold and daring commentary on today's changing society. He mentions that dog lovers are souls who believe in right and wrong in a world of twisted politics and a society gone mad. He also owns a greyhound kennel in Manheim Pa. .

It should be clear to all of us that the moral landscape of a state is largely determined its laws. " Show me your laws and I will show you your God "

We do not want to wait to part ways with the Animal Rightists until there whole agenda is known. History shows us this is to often the case and those who disregard history are condemned to repeat it.

The testimony at Harrisburg proves beyond a doubt the affiliation between governor Rendell and the animal rights groups, and although the extremists are only a small percentage of the people in the nation they are very vocal. These extremist organizations are recognized as terrorists, even though they continue to operate as law abiding citizens. There is a very striking parallel between animal extremists (ASPCA, PETA, ALF, and such ) and ACLU.

We can all see the damage done by that group, and there philosophy is today believed by many on the street, I have to wonder where we all were when they began. Consider the phrase "The separation of church <sup>and state</sup>". Interpreted one way, it means that the church should be free to exercise its influence, and practice religion without interference from the state. However this was given a sinister twist by civil libertarians. They say it means that religious people should not be allowed to practice in the realm that belongs to the state. Animal extremists are an example of the same deception.

History reminds us that " The worship of success is generally the form the devil cultivates most assiduously ". Is there something to the popular expression about not being able to stand prosperity? We can find that answer in history, for there seems to be a pattern. Bit by bit,

everything set up by our founding fathers is being washed away by compromise. How often in history do we see this pattern? I try not to be too pessimistic, but I repeat, those who disregard history are condemned to repeat it. ( TO CONSERVE THE FUTURE, WE NEED TO REMEMBER THE PAST ).

We have officials who prove beyond a doubt, their sympathy for the extremists, and I am not referring to Mary Bender. Two facts that provide solid evidence to my opinion are (1) The puppy mill billboards along major state roads, and (2) These newly proposed regulations that are as Bobby Yarnell mentioned, " they are to trip you, and once you trip, you are out ". These proposed regulations provide no incentives or education for the breeders.

I do realize that the activists ammunition must be removed by ensuring that the standards of care are in line with the Animal Welfare Act. There may be a few licensed breeders out of all the legal breeders in Pa., who are not compliant at this time, and if so, I would hope they would get everything in order immediately. If there are illegal breeders, I would suspect they would be selling to dealers only. In that case the dealer, as well as the breeder should be brought to justice.

Since Rendell is in office, gambling has been introduced, and alcohol and liquor has been made more readily available. Other things still on the table are, across the board health insurance supported by the working class with government involvement, and raising sales tax.

All of these are bad news for the people of Pa., and to which I am very much opposed. Concerning the sales tax we collect an average of \$35.00 for the governor's kitty (no pun intended) each time we sell a puppy. If the tax were raised approx. 16%, it would be close to \$7.00 more for each puppy. That does not include all the extra tax I would be paying on everything I buy.

He says this would lower the average property tax by \$180.00. I pay close to \$9000.00 on two small properties per year. We have already given up some of our rights to clean and green, to stay in business, now he wants to raise the sales tax 16%, to lower my property tax a mere \$180.00. ( Is this a sick joke? )

He also says he wants to help the dairy farmer, (is he going to ask ASPCA for their advice on this also?) I think it's said to pacify the dairy farmer, and to separate the dairy farmer from the rest of the farmers at this time. I will believe he will provide help for the dairy farmer only after I see it. I am referring to the small dairies of 40 to 60 cows, of which there are many in Pa., and especially in Lanc. Co.. This would have to be without government handouts.

We have 6 sons, and I encourage them to move to the midwest, 2 have already done so and more plans are being made. If things in Pa. move fast enough I may also follow and allow someone to pave our farm, most of which is zoned industrial.

My concern about Rendell's administration is that all that is not good for the state seems to get accomplished, and all that would be good for the state seems to be idle talk.

Governor Rendell does admit to not being familiar with farming practices, and it is understandable that he isn't. But if he seeks advice on farming and animal husbandry practices, why doesn't he ask our Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, or the Pennsylvania Professional Pet Breeders Assn.? rather than ASPCA and extremists who according to the new proposed regulations, do not know much more about animal husbandry than he himself knows. When Solomon's son became king he heeded the advice of inexperienced people and fell, ( His kingdom was divided, and had only a small portion left ).

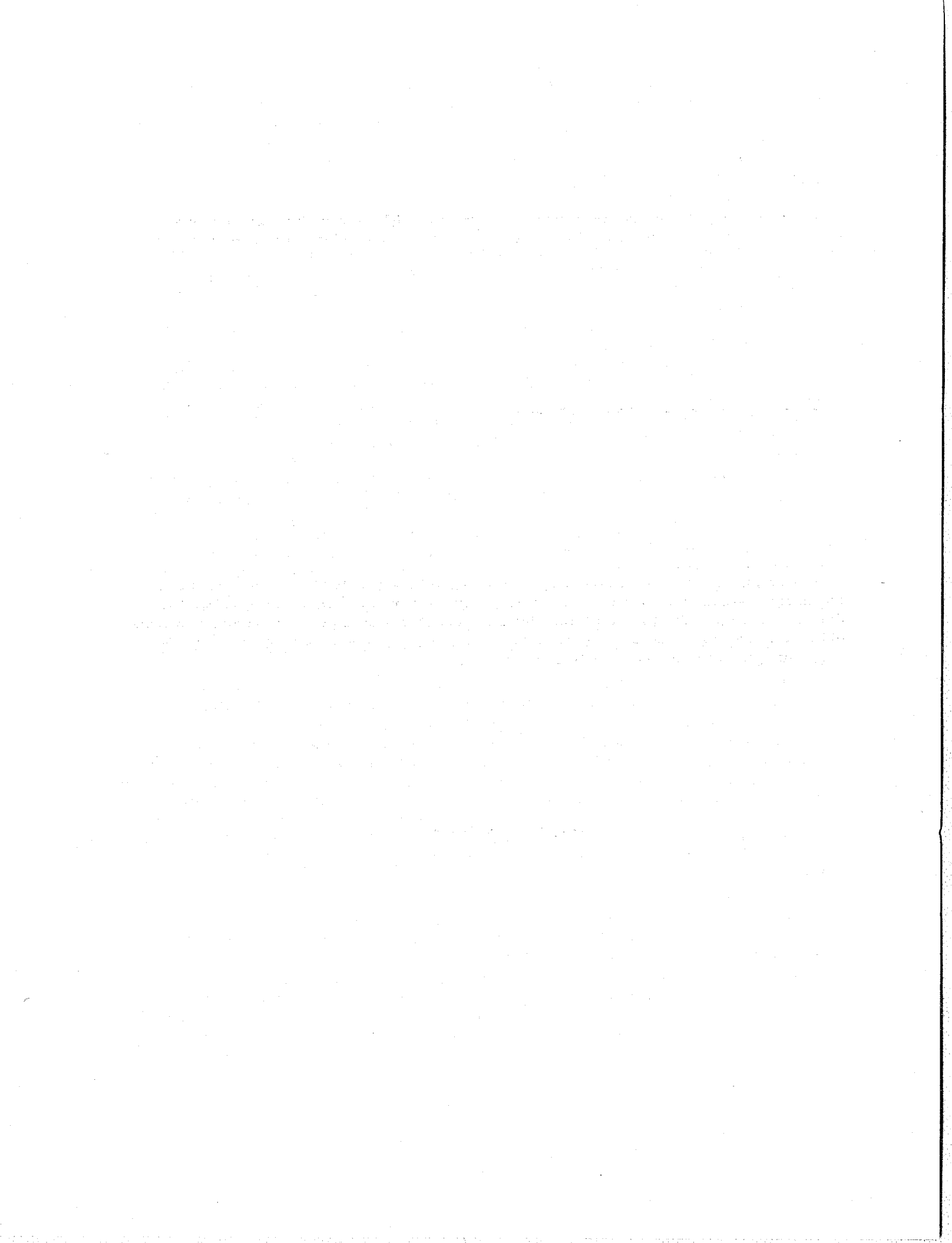
In closing I again wish to express my thanks to those of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee who took time for the hearing at the farm show building, Harrisburg Pa., on March 6th 2007.

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We also need to remember that without 6 inches of topsoil, and timely rains man could not exist, regardless of his education and efforts.

Many people who are born and raised in the city, as well as spend their whole life there, do not seem to be even remotely familiar with the fact that life itself, begins on the farm, where the soil is cultivated, crops are planted and harvested, and where animals are born, raised and cared for. Without the efforts of the farmers, and the blessings of sunshine and rain, all other professions and jobs would not exist, in fact life itself could not exist.

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March 15th, 2007

Dear Sir :

I was yesterday at the dog law advisory board meeting, and was very disappointed at the speeches of most of the committee. This was their second public meeting. Their reason to meet seemed to have been to encourage each other to follow through with Rendell's plans.

It is a shame these people may even hold a public meeting, it seems Rendell put people on this board who would betray anything for the sake of honor.

Many mentioned how they were honored to be asked to sit on this board, and they prove that with their actions. This committee seems to be totally enthralled by their status as servants, any action that might tarnish their reputation as efficient and reliable advisors to Rendell seems to be unthinkable to them, I feel their advice to Rendell will only be what they already know he wants to hear.

At their first public meeting I felt they were open to suggestions. At the second public meeting I felt their sole purpose was to encourage each other to agree with Rendell's newly proposed regulations. Someone from the audience who got a chance to speak, told them there is something going on here that stinks, and it is not the Susquehanna River. I agree, I have no desire to attend any more of these biased meetings.

The 20 minutes they gave the audience to comment was disgusting. The first girl had three questions concerning who appointed the advisory board, the sunshine laws and etc., <sup>she</sup> was told they are there to ~~take~~ comments, not answer questions. For the second girl it was pretty much the same way, if they did answer, it was an evasive answer.

Bill Smith, "Animal Rights Extremist" who seems to be one of ASPCA, commented with a sick dog in his arms, which he showed to the audience, and said it comes from a puppy mill. This dog had lost much of its hair and I could not even tell what breed it was. The question is, where did he find that dog? I cannot imagine it came from a legally licensed and inspected kennel. He did not even say from what state it came from.

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