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To Whom It May Concern:

The recent proposed changes to the laws under which kennels must adhere is a welcome beginning. Although I was unable to locate a list of changes on the internet, those changes that have been published in the newspapers appear reasonable.

However, existing facilities must have some option other than tearing out entire existing, functioning plumbing. Perhaps more inspections for such a situation would ensure that no clogged drains are present.

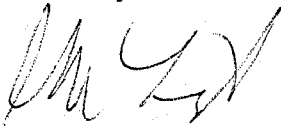
Our area has an overwhelming number of "kennels" run by the Amish. These puppies are notorious for having multiple medical problems linked to neglect. Somehow, this religious sect seems to be above even the existing laws. The new restrictions will only be as effective as the enforcement.

I have found only frustration when I have attempted to intervene on the behalf of animals. It is time to take enforcement seriously. I do not believe that the county in which I practice even has a dog law enforcement officer!

I, as a licensed veterinarian, am frankly tired of attending national conventions where colleagues of mine from other states give me that knowing chuckle when I tell them I am from Pennsylvania. They know we are the puppy mill capital of the country. It is embarrassing.

Please adopt the new regulations.

Sincerely,



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