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Dear Commission Members:

I'm writing in regards to the newly proposed dog laws with strong feelings, as follows:

Sec. 21.4(1)iii(c) The Department should be authorized and mandated to issue a cease and desist order to any Kennel that is operating without a license, breeding sick puppies or housing adult dogs in poor health and living in unsanitary or crowded conditions - immediately.

Sec. 21.14 "Not For Profit" rescue groups should be exempt from this provision - all of the Rescue groups, spay and neuter all dogs in their care and simply find them good homes - due to over population.

Sec. 21.25; (d) & (e) Temperature control: This requirement is not as strict as the Animal Welfare Act and as such would not be valid. The AWA requires that ambient temperature in indoor facilities not fall below 45° F. for more than 4 consecutive hours.

Sec. 21.27 thru 21.29 I strongly encourage passing and enforcing this provision.

Sec 21.30 In addition, the Bureau shall have authority to call in Veterinary care. Also, since we do not have enough Dog Wardens to make routine inspections, we must include local Humane Officers and local Police to inspect these breeding facilities and press charges and close down Kennels in violation of regulations.

I am very embarrassed of Pa.'s reputation -
(Puppy Mill of the West Coast) and You should
be also.

These commercial Dog Breeding Operations may
be legal but they are unethical and immoral,
while this country is euthanizing 8 to 9 million
companion dogs every year.

My suggestion - Extremely limit the amount of
Dog Breeding Kennel Licenses just as the State
limits Liquor Licenses.

Surely, we can do better!

Sincerely,
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