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Comments

To Mary Bender

After spending many hours reading and contemplating the proposed regulations I have many concers.

After many years as a dog trainer for Peters Township Parks and Recreation in Washington County and as a dog fancier, competitor and show person I have witnessed first hand the breeding and raising of dogs done in the worst of ways. I have also taught many seminars to people and have answered hundreds of questions on the phone to potential puppy/dog buyers, teaching people a few examples of what to ask, what to see that is so important in a healthy puppy, mentally and physically. I feel I have spend so much time teaching people about the state and the wonderful work they have done with the Puppy Lemon Law and the workings of the PDA..sadly I can not imagine how you will ever implement the new laws when the old laws on the books were not adhered to. Very little public education was ever done, I must say that in all my years of teaching not ONE person ever new of any of the help our great state could offer when a problem arose..so tell me ..where will the money come from to implement the new laws..and why..please use the laws we already have. My concern is that this will not stop the puppy mills, they will just move over the state lines and then we will have the out-sourcing of dogs!

My other concern is the situation this will cause for true rescue groups..I am involved with the rescue of shelties in a local Shetland Sheepdog group..I was lead to believe that we will be needing a kennel license and will be held responsible for foster homes ability to follow all the new laws..no one will be doing rescue for any breed, the local shelters need to start building new facilites NOW to hold the amount of dogs they will be getting!

My other concern..you will be asking kennels to spend quite a bit of money and they will need to add employees to keep true to the laws..that sounds to me like the cost will be passed on to the consumer!

I must also say, many people in the state of PA do not have any idea that they should be paying state sales tax on dogs..spend some time calling from advertisements..along with that people do not pay income tax on these animals..maybe this is why you are so intent on changing the way things are being done. That situation can be helped again by letting the public know.

I do understand the need of our state to be involved in dog law but please, consider the changes you wish to make..please make sure you are really trying to take care of our best friends.

Where is the money to make all these changes! Where are the employees! Please rethink what you are planning. Please utilize the laws already at hand.

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Sincerely,
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