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Dear Ms Mary Bender,

I am writing to let you and the Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement know that I think the proposals which have recently been written are very poor. Even to the point of being ridiculous.

I have read them, studied them, and have concluded that they must have been written by a group of ANTI-HUNTING, ANTI-DOG OWNERSHIP people who either infiltrated this committee/bureau or were placed there on purpose.

The size requirements for sleeping quarters and dog runs might be good for a commercial (\$\$\$) puppy mill where dogs are kept in small wire cages stacked on top of one another and where the dogs rarely see the light of day. Hobby dog owners should not have the same requirements imposed on them as their dogs already move about freely with plenty of space, air, shade or sunshine at the dog's discretion. As a retired 78 year old man with dogs as a hobby, I would be put at a great financial burden with these new regs. My state inspector has never had any problems with my kennel, but I would be FORCED to give up my hobby or comply.

Your exercise requirement of walking the dog on a leash for 20 minutes a day might be good for a "puppy mill situation, but my dogs get much more than that, but I would have to COMPLY with your rules or be fined. My dogs get to run/train/trail 3 to 4 times a week from one to three hours a day !!! I think my method is better. You have offered NO EXCEPTION for my dog/athletes who would be in much finer physical condition than they would be under your rules.

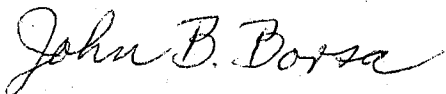
THESE NEW PROPOSALS ARE UNFAIR TO ME, a voting citizen/tax payer of the Commonwealth of Pa. Ninety plus percent of these proposals are unfair and un-necessary to dog owners. We would become second class citizens. WHAT ABOUT CAT OWNERS who don't even have to have a license or I.D. when they roam the countryside killing birds and bunnies for the fun of it ??????? See what I mean about "picking on dog owners"?

Oh yes, RECORD KEEPING----to that extreme it is cruel and unjust punishment to owners who could be having fun with their dogs or otherwise engage in an activity which would benefit the dog . RIDICULOUS ! ( means absurd).

I think you need to fire this group who wrote this drivel and get people who do not have a political/moral agenda in mind. I do not believe that these people could go back and create a document without prejudice for the citizen/dog owners of this state. Nor has this panel fulfilled what was their mission---the regulation of "puppy mills.

What is a puppy mill?? Well, it's like pornography----hard to define in words---but you know it when you see it.

YOUR CURRENT OFFICER/INSPECTORS KNOW IT WHEN THEY SEE IT. Get more officers and enforce existing laws first. I'll bet things improve with that common sense approach.



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