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March 12, 2007

Mary Bender, Director, Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement

2301 N. Cameron St., Room 102

Harrisburg, Pa. 17110

Dear Ms. Bender:

My name is Andrea Smothers. I am an animal lover and work at a veterinarian office, so I hear a lot of horror stories from clients about experiences they have had with these puppy mills in Lancaster County.

I am writing to comment on the proposed changes to the Pennsylvania Dog Law Regulations. I believe that changes to the Regulations are needed to address **unethical and inhumane** kennel conditions and provide the dogs housed there with a better overall quality of life.

I suggest that the following be added to (or amended in) the proposal, because the way things are right now, they are tragic:

- 1) Section 21.23, space requirements
- 2) Section 21.24, shelters, housing facilities, primary enclosure
- 3) Section 21.25, temperature control
- 4) Section 21.28, food, water & bedding
- 5) Section 21.65, killing of dogs

I support changes to the Regulations that provide definitive and measurable guidelines and which increase the quality of dog's existence while confined to a kennel environment.

Sincerely,

Andrea Smothers

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cc: Humane League of Lancaster

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