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Dear Ms. Bender,

With regard to the proposed amendments to the Pa Dog Law issued 12/16/2006 I believe that in humane & sub-standard kennel conditions should not be tolerated but I am concerned that the proposed regulatory changes would be excessively burdensome on many hunt clubs & small breeders who maintain their dogs in small kennels already built in compliance with current federal & /or state standards.

The definition of "Temporary housing" would require thousands of small residential hobby & show breeding households to become licensed which could not possibly comply with the regulations, & which there is no reason to regulate.

The Bureau has recently announced an enhanced enforcement program. If, after putting this into effect, there is still a need for improvement, the Bureau should cite specific deficiencies & propose changes based on them.

Sincerely,

Gillian A. Wiedora