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Dear Mary Bender:

To Elected Officials:

Actual dog breeders were not able to give input into these proposed regulations, but animal rights oriented individuals were invited to provide input. This means those with actual experience were unable to contribute valuable information into the decision making process.

The new requirements for the space and exercise for dogs are not based on accepted husbandry standards or scientific research.

Requiring the keeping of records regarding the exercise of the dogs, the cleaning of their runs, and other aspects of kennel management will not improve the health and welfare of the dogs. Also, it would not be possible to verify that these records were accurate or meaningful.

Failure to require reasonable cage space in humane society kennels doesn't make sense. Dogs housed at shelters and humane societies also deserve reasonable cage space.

Regulations to keep dogs off grass do not make sense. Most home-based and small breeders put their dogs outdoors into a fenced yard for exercise and play. Keeping dogs off grass would prohibit these people from allowing their dogs into the yard. Common sense dictates that such a requirement will not improve dog welfare.

Requiring male and female dogs to be exercised separately unless both are neutered does not make sense. If the male animal is neutered, certainly the female animal cannot be impregnated! Or vice versa, if the female animal is spayed, the male animal cannot impregnate her.

Dog breed clubs contribute to the education of the public with regard to

proper care and handling of dogs and provide information about the different breeds of dogs so that new owners can make a more informed choice. Breed clubs also provide dog training classes open to the public.

Please see that these proposed regulations are re-visited with the purpose of amending the unreasonable requirements and thereby improve the health and welfare of dogs in Pennsylvania.

Please add stakeholders to all future Dog Advisory Boards.

Sincerely,

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