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Dear Mr. Coccoodrilli:

I think it is a wonderful idea to crack down on the puppy mills in Pennsylvania (& beyond). The conditions these animals live in during their breeding years are horrible. These animals are not living, they are only existing for greed.

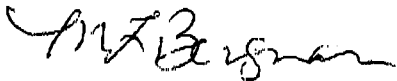
Please keep in mind how the new regulations as applied to kennels should exempt all non-profit animal welfare and rescue organizations, especially non-kennel-based rescues and fosters. These life-saving groups are organized specifically to save and care for the dogs who are given up by their new families because of sickness and genetic disorders caused by bad breeding practices.

Also, please include representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations. These groups have saved so many dog lives over the years. It would be a tragedy if these groups were lumped into the category as puppy mills when the regulations are written.

I am currently volunteering for the Delaware Valley Doberman Pinscher Assistance rescue. The DVDPA rescued over 100 dobies each year from shelters and owners. I, myself, have adopted from this rescue a wonderful dog that was given up due to physical issues. He is a joy in my life! His sweet disposition has endeared many in my neighborhood to him.

Please help us bring an end to the horrors of puppy mills in Pennsylvania and throughout this county. Thank you.

Regards,



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