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Hi. I have been a supporter of Best Friends Animal Society and animal protection in general (though not a member of PETA or some of the more off-the-wall groups). I've been in Pennsylvania about three years now and I was astounded to learn that PA is infamous for its puppy mills. That's just got to stop. It's one thing for a rescue group or other non-profit to house groups of animals until families can be found but surely obviously totally another thing for animals to be kept in small cages, bred over and over, puppies in horrible conditions and often inbred causing genetic mutationsl.

I know that there are breeders who are ethical and want to produce champion puppies or good-tempered pets. These people aren't the problem. I just want to let you know how strongly I feel about this and that I appreciate anything that can be done to alleviate this situation. Please feel free to forward this email to those in Harrisburg and elsewhere who are working on this issue and need to hear from the public. Let's end puppy mills.

Thank you, Joyce Berman Wayne, PA

Kathy Cooper

:) Joyce

>I believe I found the missing link between animal and civilized man. It is >us. -Konrad Lorenz, ethologist, Nobel laureate (1903-1989)