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Dear Ms. Bender,

I am the President of the Chester County Foxhunters Association and a past President and current member of the Cochran Hunt Club. I am writing to comment on the proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania Dog Law Regulations.

I understand the original intent of the amendments with regards to the deplorable conditions in many of the puppy mills in the state. However the sweeping effect of the proposed regulations will place an unnecessary burden on foxhound kennels, beagle and basset kennels, and other sporting dog activities.

There is a tremendous difference between a pack kennel and the type of commercial kennel that the regulations are trying to impact. The Cochran Hunt Club kennels and other sporting dog kennels are not a for profit activity. The hounds in our kennels are given a high level of care in a pack environment. They are only separated by sex. They eat, sleep, exercise and hunt as a pack. The condition of the hounds is very important to us and we work very hard to keep them healthy, fit and in good spirits.

The answer to the problems in the puppy mills is not broad reaching regulations that impact all kennel license holders. The current regulations are more than sufficient to insure the proper care of pack and sporting dog kennels. The puppy mills and their related problems need to be dealt with separately.

Sincerely



Tim Hoover

President, Chester County Foxhunters Association