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I am forwarding this to all on my email list. Reason being-----our darling dog Madison is the product of a PA PUPPY MILL and IF any of you have met her you know why this should be stopped. PLEASE FORWARD TO INTERESTED FRIENDS.

She has such bad hip dysplasia (sp?) b/c of all the inbreeding. When we got her at age 1 ½ (we think) she was from SAVE THE SHEPHERD the breeder had kept her in a cage and b/c of her bad back end, she couldn't stand to be bred -----they didn't want her and just GAVE HER AWAY. She ended up w/Save the Shepherd then into our house.

We've enjoyed her for 10 yrs. But now her back end is so bad, she drags it. HOWEVER, she is happy, tail always going, eats, sleeps and all body functions work. We will keep up with her until the quality of life is gone.

IF YOU'VE EVER SEEN what they do to these poor dogs, in cages for life (if mothers) they hose them down with pressure washers to clean the cages, they get little to eat, thus they will eat their fecal droppings.

Madison as a puppy would play w/a ball in a VERY SMALL AREA even though she was in a large room, she didn't know how to eat out of a bowl, I had to hand feed her for a while.

NO LIVING THING should be treated this way.

1. The Dog Law 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.

2. Representatives from non-profit animal welfare and rescue groups should be included on the Dog Law Advisory Board to better represent the interests of animals in forming these regulations.

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