

To: Dog Law Bureau Director  
Independent Regulatory Review Commission

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am a supporter of the Coalition Against Misery, and I support the changes to the commercial dog regulations submitted by the Coalition. The proposed regulations by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture that were recently published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin do not adequately address the issues of temperature control, cage conditions and humane breeding practices.

I am strongly opposed to commercial breeding kennels where the costs are minimized by providing substandard care and conditions for the dogs in an effort to increase the profit. I am writing to respectfully request that you immediately take steps to address the often horrific, inhumane, and cruel conditions in commercial kennels in Pennsylvania.

Every kennel must be required to have a visible, safe source of heat and air-conditioning. Additionally, the regulations should limit the number of dogs that are kept in a cage. And finally, I ask that you include breeding regulations consistent with those established by reputable breed clubs.

I have owned dogs all my life, and I have known constant and unconditional love and companionship from each one. I am heartbroken and horrified that humans could treat "man's best friend" so inhumanly. Obviously, the laws and regulations must be stronger, and must be relentlessly enforced until these greedy monsters (puppy mill breeders) get the message.

I have never, nor would I ever, buy a puppy from a pet store.

Please take steps to ensure that the new regulations provide humane conditions for the dogs.

Thank you,

*Synthia Rae Warner*