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Message = I support the regulatory changes to the commercial dog regulations submitted by the Coalition Against Misery. The draft regulations that were recently released by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture do not adequately address the issues of temperature control, cage conditions and humane breeding practices.

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 can be kept in one cage. And finally, we ask that you include breeding regulations consistent with those established by reputable breed clubs.

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

We received a nine yr old Japanese Chin male from a mill. All his teeth had to be pulled because they were rotten. Prepping for surgery it was discovered he had a heart murmur - he survived about 6 months.

We helped rescue, vet and transport 4 Boston terriers from Arkansas. They had been so overbred that their internal circulation was almost impossible to stop after the spay. Tissue was so deteriorated that the blood vessel ends fell off when fastened shut. One dog was one step from being euthansized on the table because bleeding couldn't be controlled. The 3 females, oldest about 7, youngest 3 had to be very strictly confined for a week to insure no internal ruptures occurred.

Thank you