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Message = I own a Bichon Frise who was rescued from a puppy mill by Small Paws Rescue. Even though I have had her for almost 3 years and she has made incredible progress, she is still very nervous and scared of me. I take solace in the fact that she is warm and well-fed and loves her baby brother, another rescued Bichon. In her own way, I know she loves me, too.

And so, I very much 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. This is the very least we can ask for "man's best friend."

Thank you