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Message = I had the opportunity of adopting a dog from a puppy mill in Lancaster, PA. I recently heard of the cruelty going on in PA about one and a half years ago and was horrified and sorely disappointed with officials in PA that are allowing this to happen. I haven't been able to vacation in PA knowing what is going on. I have friends and family with primary and secondary homes and PA and they are aware of the puppy mills as well. I politely implore you to radically change the conditions the dogs are experiencing in PA. The dog I adopted arrived with torn up paws. She couldn't walk without pain. She would not look at me in the eyes and maintained a submissive attitude for almost 5 months. On a daily basis she was cared for and they are outraged as well to gain her health and develop a happy, playful attitude. It is now 11 months that she is living here and she is an absolute joy. I still, however, cannot look at her and remember what she had been through!

in her life. No amount of money can be worth doing this to any creature in this day and age. Haven't we as a culture developed more than this?

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.

Thank you