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Message = Dear Pennsylvania Bureau of Dog
Enforcemnt/Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture

I am the proud owner of a mini Dachshund named Lilly. Prior to her becomming part of our family Lilly lived in cage for 6 years and 7 months her function was not of companion but of cash generating income. Lilly is now over 10 years old but she still has never recovered. She has few teeth, bad hearing, compressed discs in her back, numerous mammary tumors. The worst of it is the psychologicial damage she still gets very skittish, and runs away or jumps if you pick her up to fast. Lilly will never return to a breeders cage but she doesn't know that, it is like she almost expects wire back under feet rather then laying on her favorit velvet pillow or the couch with her sister Noelle adopted from a county shelter. Lilly still can't believe she gets food served in her own bowl rather then trying to get her share.....The dogs need more then cage reform of size, heat, air conditioning, there should be no stacking of them, they should have good fresh air and light, Clean fresh consistent supply of water and food, daily excercise and no one should be breeding a dog less then 2 years old nor breeding multiple dogs and breeds at the same time. Stop letting those in Lancaenster especially which tout themselves at gentile continue their torture of animals.

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