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Message = We have two adopted puppy mill mothers, Kassie, a poodle, and

Holly, a ShihTzu, 8 and 10 respectively. Both had never had a dental, and their gums were infected. Our vet had to pull 12 of Holly's teeth and 9 of Kassie's. They had already lost some that had just "fallen out" Holly has adjusted well to a normal home environment; Kassie, after two years, is still frightened of men, other people and cowers when you reach to pick her up. It has taken my husband two years to be able to just touch her, and he has to be seated or in the truck, driving, or lying down. Otherwise she bolts and hides. Her mill experiences had to be horrific and I hope that you will be successful in your efforts to change the conditions of mill furkids. Then perhaps, other states will follow suit.

We wholeheartedly 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 with comfortable beds and no wire cages. 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

Jack, Judy, Holly and Kassie Loudin

Also Shadow(a puppy mill pet store Samoyed), Bear, Max, Bernard, Humphrey(another mill furkid)and Sophie Loudin