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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE NEW KENNEL REGULATIONS. I RAISE POMERANIANS IN PA. THEY ARE THE ONLY BREED I RAISE. I STARTED OUT 10 YEARS AGO OWNING A POMERANIAN AND FELL IN LOVE WITH THE BREED. I HAD NO INTENTIONS OF BREEDING AND RAISING POMS BUT NOW THAT I AM RAISING THEM I AM COMPLETELY ADDICTED TO THEM. I HAVE 7 CHILDREN AT HOME, NO I AM NOT AMISH OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT, I SIMPLY LOVE CHILDREN AND I LOVE ANIMALS. NO THIS IS NOT OUR FAMILY INCOME. ANYTHING THAT COMES OUT OF MY DOGS GOES BACK INTO MY DOGS. MY HUSBANDS INCOME TAKES CARE OF OUR HOME AND CHILDREN SO MY CONCERN IS NOT INCOME, IT IS THAT I MAY LOSE MY DOGS. MY POMS ARE CAREED FOR AND HAVE PLENTY OF ROOM TO RUN ABOUT FREELY IN THE KENNEL WHICH HAS INSIDE OUTSIDE RUNS, HEATED AND COOLED. THE DOG WARDEN HAS NEVER HAD ANY COMPLAINTS AND I FEEL I AM DOING EVERYTHING TO KEEP MY POMS SAFE AND HAPPY. MY CONCERNS ARE AIMED MAINLY AT THE PAPERWORK FOR A FEW REASONS. ONE IS THAT THIS REGULATION CANNOT BE ENFORCED, SURE YOU WILL HAVE KENNEL OWNERS PUTTING DOWN ON PAPER THAT THEIR DOG WAS EXERCISED BUT THERE WILL BE NO PROOF OF THIS, YOU WILL HAVE KENNEL OWNERS TAKING MORE TIME AWAY FROM THE CARE OF THEIR ANIMALS TO FILL OUT 2 HOURS OF PAPERWORK EACH DAY RATHER THAN CARING FOR THEIR ANIMALS NOT TO MENTION THE NUMBER OF TREES THAT WILL BE WASTED FOR THIS PAPERWORK THAT WILL NOT BE PROOF OF ANYTHING AND WILL NOT PROTECT THE ANIMALS IN ANY WAY. TAKING EACH DOG OUT FOR 20 MINUTES IS A GREAT IDEA BUT HONESTLY IT CANNOT BE ENFORCED, YOU CANNOT BE OUT AT EVERY KENNEL WATCHING TO SEE IF THESE DOGS ARE ACTUALLY EXERCISED. IT WOULD MAKE MORE SENSE TO REQUIRE EVERY DOG TO HAVE INSIDE OUTSIDE RUNS SO THEY CAN EXERCISE IN THE OUTSIDE RUN WHEN THEY SO CHOSE 24 HOURS A DAY. ALSO THAT WOULD TAKE CARE OF A LOT OF PROBLEMS AS FAR AS TEMPERATURE, SHADE, SHELTER ETC. I SUGGEST EVERY KENNEL OWNER HAVE INSIDE OUTSIDE RUNS! WHY SHOULD A DOG BE PUNISHED AND KEPT IN CAGES ALL THEIR LIVES AND EXERCISED 20 MINUTES A DAY. TO ME THAT IS A JAIL SENTENCE, CRIMINALS ARE KEPT IN THEIR 'CAGE' AND LET OUT IN THE PLAYYARD FOR 20-30 MINUTES. ANIMALS ARE NOT QUILTY SO WHY SHOULD THEY BE IN A CAGE? YES I KEEP MY SMALL PUPS AND NURSING MOMS IN WHELPING PENS (GENERAL CAGES MADE OF FIBERGLASS SIDES AND VINYL COATED FLOORING) BUT THAT IS ONLY FOR THEIR SAFETY, ONCE THEY ARE 5 MONTHS OLD THEY ARE PUT IN THE KENNEL RUNS SO THEY CAN EXERCISE AND ENJOY THE OUTDOORS AS THEY PLEASE. EVERY DOG SHOULD ENJOY THE OUTDOORS, THERE SHOULD BE NO INSIDE FACILITIES ONLY AND NO OUTSIDE FACILITIES ONLY. INSIDE/OUTSIDE RUNS ARE WHAT SHOULD BE ENFORCED. ALL INSIDE RUNS SHOULD BE TEMPERATURE CONTROLLED BY A FURNACE AND AIR CONDITIONING. MY KENNEL IS SET

AT 72 DEGREES YEAR ROUND. THAT MAY SEEM WARM IN THE SUMMER MONTHS BUT I HAVE A VERY SMALL POMS WHICH WILL CATCH COLD IF TEMPS ARE TO LOW. YES I AGREE WITH ALOT OF THE REGULAITIONS BUT PLEASE LETS BE REALISTIC. REQUIRING 6 INCH GUTTERS WHEN HOUSEHOLD DRAIN-GUTTER IS ONLY 3-4 INCH. THAT IS UNREASONABLE. I FEEL THAT A FEW CHANGES NEED TO BE MADE BUT MORE THAN ANYTHING THE CURRENT LAW NEEDS TO BE ENFORCED. THE CHANGES THAT SHOULD BE PUT INTO EFFECT ARE TEMP CONTROL FOR ALL DOGS, NO DOG SHOULD BE OUT IN THE COLD, THERE SHOULD BE NO 'OUTDOOR FACILITY' WITHOUT A HEATED INSIDE. ANOTHER PROBLEM IN ENFORCING THE CURRENT LAW IS THAT THE KENNEL INSPECTOR COMES OUT TWICE A YEAR AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME EACH YEAR. YOU DONT THINK KENNEL OWNERS KNOW WHEN THE INSPECTOR WILL BE OUT? YOU DONT THINK THOSE ARE THE ONLY TWO MONTHS THAT THEIR DOGS ARE CAREED FOR PROPERLY? WARDENS SHOULD STOP OUT AT A KENNEL FOR INSPECTION RANDOM TIMES EACH YEAR THAT WAY THE DOGS WILL BE CAREED FOR 12 MONTHS A YEAR NOT JUST 2 MONTHS A YEAR. I AM A KENNEL OWNER, I KNOW THESE THINGS BY SEEING OTHER BREEDERS CALL EACHOTHER SAYING 'HEY THE WARDEN IS OUT AND ABOUT-TIDY UP'. I BECOME OUTRAGED BECAUSE THE DOGS AND FACILITY SHOULD BE KEPT UP AT ALL TIMES. I WOULD CHANGE THIS PROCEDURE BY SHOWING UP ANYTIME OF YEAR NOT JUST SPRING AND FALL, THIS WILL HELP WITH DOGS CARE AND FACILITY CARE YEAR ROUND. IM SURE GOV RENDELS 'SWAT TEAM' WILL BE OUT TO VISIT MY KENNEL BECAUSE I AM A K-5 KENNEL. I KEEP A K-5 LICENSE BECAUSE ITS EASIER TO JUST PAY FOR A K-5 RATHER THAN WORRY ABOUT GOING OVER A CERTAIN # FOR K-3 OR K-4. I OWN 65-75 ADULTS AT MOST TIMES. MY POMS ARE 3-6 POUNDS SO THEIR AVERAGE LITTER IS 2 PUPS. SURE ID LOVE TO CUT DOWN ON MY NUMBERS BUT I LOVE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF MY POMS! HOW COULD I LOVE 70 POMS?! JUST LIKE I LOVE MY 7 CHILDREN! PLEASE DO NOT MAKE THE NEW KENNEL REGULATIONS SO THAT BREEDERS LIKE MYSELF WHO LOVE AND CARE FOR THEIR DOGS CANNOT KEEP THEM BY ADDING UNREASONABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS. THINK OF THE ANIMALS WELL BEING NOT WHAT IS GOING TO BE HARD ON THE BREEDERS. ALSO THE LAWS SHOULD BE ENFORCED FOR ANYONE OWNING DOGS NOT JUST ANYONE HOLDING A KENNEL LICENSE. AN EXAMPLE, IF I WERE TO OWN A DOG THAT WAS TIED OUTSIDE I WOULD HAVE TO HAVE 10 INCHES OF GRAVEL UNDER THEM TO KEEP THEM OFF OF THE DIRT AND 10 FEET OF CHAIN FOR THEM TO EXERCISE, AT THE SAME TIME MY NEIGHBORS DOG IS TIED OUT ON A 3 FOOT CHAIN RUNNING CIRCLES IN THE MUD.. IT DOESNT MAKE SENSE, BY THE WAY I WOULD NEVER HAVE A DOG ON A CHAIN BUT THAT IS AN EXAMPLE.