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Message = I have adopted 2 dogs rescued from "commercial kennels", ie puppy mills. My female Pom was a breeding dog for 6 years and has been out of the puppy mill for 9 months. She still runs away from anyone but me, which tells you how she was treated for 6 long years. When she was rescued, the vet had to pull 20 teeth because they were rotting in her mouth due to the substandard food and non-existent vet care she received.

At a minimum, dogs deserve a heated and cooled shelter from the outside elements. Any industry that allows dogs to suffer frostbite and sometimes freeze to death has no place in America, and we should be ashamed of ourselves that we allow these things to happen to man's best friend.

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