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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY  
REVIEW COMMISSION**RE: Dog Law Regulations**

Dear Ms. Bender,

I wish to make some comments regarding the proposed dog law changes.

The first problem I have is increasing the crate size too much as to cause problems with elimination in the crates. All my dogs are kept in crates when I am not home but are out and when and with us when we are home. The dogs has access to water while they are out of their crates, they are out of their crates for more than 9-12 hours a day for exercise as well as play time with the other dogs.

The second problem I have is that keeping dogs by size for exercise is more of a detriment than a plus, when you do that large dogs do not know how to respond to smaller dogs and vice versa, that's how aggression issues arise. I am proud to say, my dogs are very well rounded and get along VERY well with each other, and socialization is the key.

All dogs MUST be exercised, there should be no exceptions and only asking for 20 minutes a day is not even a fraction of what they require, if there are kennels that can't do at least 30 minutes per day claiming no manpower then they have too many dogs to care for.

Tethers for dogs should NEVER be used at all, dogs do tangle and get no water, dump water and food, as well as not being able to get into the enclosure.

The outside exercise area that must now be concrete or stone where I house the dogs would be very dangerous. If I were to concrete the area should it get icy the dogs would slide down the pitch of the yard and slide into the fence or break a leg. If I were to stone it I can tell you I will have more leg and foot problems due to cuts or broken toe nails and in general not too safe for my dogs. I DO already have playground mulch that is replenished twice a year as well as the dog feces is picked up EVERTIME they are outside. I am always outside with the dogs just to make sure they are safe and they don't eat feces and play too rough. I can ill afford to invest the money to put stone to replace what is already there, that will in the long run cost more with the medical bills.

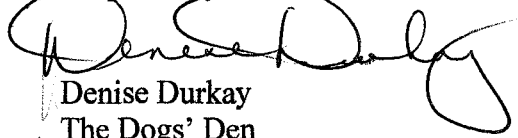
I do believe that when a dog needs to be put down that it DOES need to be euthanized in a humane way and done by a licensed veterinarian, how dare anyone think by shooting a dog and throwing the dog in a field be humane...like garbage.

I also believe that all dogs MUST be seen by a licensed veterinarian to make sure the pet at that stage is healthy and any medical conditions can be addressed. Adults that are being used for breeding should be required to be seen at the very least every 2 years to check on the condition of the dogs to make sure they can continue be healthy.

There should be a ban on chicken wire cages; dogs cannot walk on wire they need a solid surface to walk on.

Please take these comments into consideration for the sake of all dogs, who will speak for them. My hope is that no dog suffer from abuse from the hand of a human, only we can stop that.

Respectfully submitted,



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