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**From:** M Davis [dkme141@pa.net]  
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**To:** IRRC  
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I just read the AP wire that the IRRC opposes tougher standards governing dog breeders and dog kennels on grounds that implementation would be TOO costly.

As an Adams County SPCA supporter/volunteer and as the owner of a shelter cat (birthday present from college friends on the York County SPCA Board) and of a shelter dog from the aforementioned Adams County SPCA, I am appalled by your reasoning which contradicts common sense, ignores actual conditions in kennels, and conveys insensitivity to canine neglect, abuse, suffering, and pain.

If the breeders and kennel operators cannot afford to provide the most humane environment for dogs, they should lose their licenses and be registered on a Department of Agriculture data base dedicated solely to dog kennels/dog breeders.

For graphic details of "puppy mills," have Susan Shapiro of WGAL Lancaster address the panel. Her investigative series won a Pulitzer Prize several years ago.

Frankly if I were your pet, I would bite you for suggesting that our canine friends, especially puppies and their parents, are not worth \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ quality care in a state regulated and state inspected environment. Our foot-footed creatures save lives and spread love and joy. The two-footed beneficiaries (the disabled, the elderly, the ill) of their unconditional loyalty and affection are willing to testify.

Woof Woof.

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