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From: MainLineRescue@aol.com <MainLineRescue@aol.com>
To: Kim Kaufman
Sent: Tue Apr 17 12:19:08 2007
Subject: Re: Proposed Kennel Regs

Miss Kaufman,

I thank you for taking the time to explain the process. I only hope that you are hearing from the shelters directly and not relying on Anne Irwin for testimony. Several members of her Federation were rather upset that she was claiming to represent the Humane Societies without polling it's members. Many SPCA's, Humane Societies, and shelters in Pennsylvania support the changes. I operate a shelter and have held a kennel license in Pennsylvania for the past ten years and I am in favor of many of the changes. Anne Irwin is a close friend of Ken Brandt, the lobbyist for Pa Pet Breeder's Association, and was dismissed from the DLAB last year, she does not speak for the shelters of Pennsylvania and seems to be more concerned about how the proposed changes will effect her friends, the large scale commercial breeders.

And there was talk of exempting SPCA's and Humane Societies from the space and exercise requirements proposed by the new changes. I share your concern regarding our homeless animals but I would ask you and the rest of the Committee not to use this argument to dismiss the very real problems that exist in PA's high volume breeding facilities. If you are concerned about diseases, I can say with certainty that the dogs we accept from the city shelters are far healthier than any of the dogs we have taken in from the breeders in Lancaster County. Puppy Mills dogs seldom see a vet and must be placed in isolation almost immediately because of contagious diseases.

Why was there no mention of the huge profits from this industry mentioned in your report?

Bill Smith
Main Line Animal Rescue

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