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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408

Dear Ms. Bender:

I am a owner and exhibitor and educator of the Chihuahua breed I have not done any breeding as of yet until my dogs are Championed and ONLY to preserve and better the breed. Any dogs coming form me when the time arises Will be spayed and neutered should they not be show quality. I find it appalling you would want to restrict and penalize those of us that are responsible in what we do. If you are so concerned about animal welfare go after the Back yard breeders and Puppy mills that are exploiting animals, selling them at auctions, housing them in deplorable conditions and making money. We the exhibitors Do not make money doing what we do. We are preserving our breeds, bettering our breeds and do not exploit them. Those that do should be the ones that have to shell out monies for what you are proposing. **The current proposal appears to be merely a laundry list of ideas for improving the environment for dogs that has no connection to specific instances in which the welfare of dogs could not be secured and no basis in science or accepted canine husbandry practices. I urge that this proposal be withdrawn.**

The definition of "temporary housing" would require thousands of small residential hobby and show breeding households to become licensed which could not possibly comply with the regulations, and which there is no reason to regulate.

The obligations of owners of "temporary housing" which are made subject to inspection by the proposal are not enumerated or limited.

There is no scientific or accepted husbandry basis for the amended space and exercise requirements.

Smaller breeders and dog owners who maintain their dogs in their own residential premises but are covered by the Pennsylvania dog law, who provide care and conditions far superior to those required by the proposed new standards, would be unable to comply with the rigid commercial kennel standards.

The above is far from a complete list of the deficiencies with the proposed regulations.

Sincerely,

Jane O'Halloran
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