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RE: Proposed Changes to Dog Law

Dear Ms. Bender:

I am writing to you concerning the proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania dog law regulations issued on December 16, 2006. While I dogs should be raised in humane conditions, I feel that the proposed changes will not meet that goal.

I am a "dog show Mom," having been exposed to purebred dogs and the dog show world for 28 years through my daughter, who is extremely active in the dog world. While I have never personally whelped a litter, I have been on hand when litters were whelped and puppies were raised. Requiring that a dog be born in a concrete-floored building instead of a whelping box in the kitchen or family room is not in the best interest of the litter.

People who breed and show dogs do so as a hobby. Many are raised and cared for in the home. To require them to take their dogs out of a home environment and kennel them is actually dropping the dog's standard of living. The current proposal seems to be without scientific merit for improving the quality of life of the dog. I urge that this proposal be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

  
Dorothy Kamm