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RE: Dog Law Changes

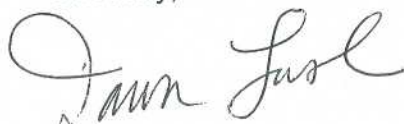
Dear Ms. Bender:

I am writing to you concerning the proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania dog law regulations. While dogs should be raised in humane conditions, I do not feel that the proposed changes will help the situation and will only serve to keep reputable, caring dog show enthusiasts from breeding their dogs.

I was raised in a family where purebred dogs were raised and shown, and at one point had a pet Bernese Mountain Dog who also happened to be a show dog. Raising and exercising Bernese Mountain Dog puppies on stone would only serve to damage their feet and create strain on their ligaments. Large breeds need a natural surface, such as grass, to romp and play so it creates less stress on their joints.

The current proposal has little content that would be beneficial to all breeds of dogs. Due to the different structures and rearing necessary for different breeds, (Why would you think that what would apply to the proper rearing of a Chihuahua would also apply to a St. Bernard?) many points in this new proposal would only create physical/mental problems in many breeds. This proposal should be withdrawn.

Sincerely,



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