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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
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Dear Ms. Bender:

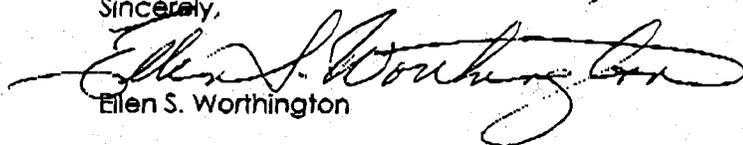
As a purebred dog breeder and exhibitor for over 50 years, I am writing to comment on the proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania dog law regulations issued on December 16, 2006. These regulations are abhorrent to anyone who truly cares about their animals. We don't want to raise our puppies away from the home like laboratory rats. We don't need to build kennels like humane societies. We love our animals, we test them for health defects, they share our homes. In essence, you are penalizing the caring people and enabling the corporate and commercial entities with such regulations.

No sincere person is interested in allowing animal cruelty, but regulations such as are being presented are merely tools of animal rights' organizations such as PETA, HSUS, the Doris Day Animal League, etc. Some of these organizations are considered "terrorist" by the U.S. Government (remember paint throwing at those wearing fur, releasing people's dogs without permission at dog shows, "don't drink milk; drink beer" for children, attacks on research workers, etc.). HSUS is no better; they neither house nor care for animals; their President does not own a pet. These are merely political machines that use the American love of pets to collect monies to be used for political reasons. Some of their members don't even know what they are participating in when they donate. These are organizations, who if they wished, could take care of every stray animal in America in luxury for years to come with their "war chests" of monies. Pennsylvania should beware of what they are encouraging with these regulations.

Please consider this is America. What right does Pennsylvania have to invade their citizens' homes and insist on methods of caretaking for pets? If there is true animal cruelty and abuse, the current laws should be sufficient to prosecute. It is hoped this nonsense will be stopped this year and forever. Use the current laws on the books and enforce them; don't create misery for law abiding citizens who delight in their animals but cannot enjoy them if laws are too restrictive and/or fees beyond the means of the average family.

Please feel free to view my website and see my animals and kennel and home. Also, please feel free to call me with any questions.

Sincerely,


Ellen S. Worthington

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