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Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
Attn: Ms. Mary Bender
Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture
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Dear Ms. Bender:

I currently am involved in the sport of dog showing. I exhibit, and am a current member of the Harrisburg Kennel Club, the American Miniature Schnauzer Club and am the current Vice-President of the Lebanon Kennel Club.

I am writing to voice my concerns with the proposed amendments to the Pennsylvania dog law regulations that were issued on December 16, 2006. I certainly agree that inhumane and substandard kennel conditions should not be tolerated, but I do not agree that most of the proposed regulatory changes are needed.

Responsible dog breeders take great pride in their breeding line and take even more pride in raising and caring for their dogs and puppies. The conditions are far superior to any commercial kennel. These breeders breed only to improve their breed. They strive for the standard of their breed, temperament and to be free of any genetic disorders. Their puppies are raised in loving homes with much attention given to socialization, training and exposure to the conditions of an active household. These puppies will give unconditional love to their new owners and bring great joy for their achievements in the confirmation, obedience, rally or whatever the owner might wish to achieve with them.

We do not need more dog laws. We need the current existing laws to be enforced with more educated dog law enforcement officers. We need qualified people for education on animal husbandry and a campaign to discourage purchasing from a pet shop and puppy mills. We need educated and responsible dog ownership in Pennsylvania.

Thank you letting me voice my concerns. Please reconsider the propose amendments to the dog law regulations.

Respectfully,

Sheila Cairns

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