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Att: Mary Bender

Re: Proposed Dog Law Regulations

Dear Ms. Bender:

We are writing to voice our support for the proposed dog law regulations. Current conditions in breeding operations must be changed, and the proposed regulations are an important first step.

Years ago we adopted a golden retriever who had been a "breeder" in a Lancaster County puppy mill. From the time we adopted her until her death, she was never a normal dog. When we adopted "Jenny", she was severely malnourished. Having lived in a cage virtually all of her life, she was afraid to walk on grass. We had to teach her to walk through doors, to go up and down steps, and to walk outside on a leash. She was fearful of any new situation.

No dog should be made to live in a cage without regular exercise. Twenty minutes per day of exercise outside of the cage is not too much to ask. Having a cage large enough for a dog to move about comfortably and temperature controlled kennels are also such basic requirements that we are dismayed that they were not required years ago.

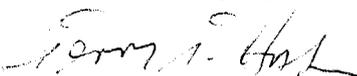
The time has come for Lancaster County to shed its image as "Puppy Mill Capital" of America. I know of several people who will not visit our county until the puppy mills are better regulated. By passing the proposed regulations, the breeding dogs, the puppies they produce, and Lancaster County's reputation will be improved. We urge the approval of the proposed regulations.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,



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