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A new message has arrived from the IRRC Website

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Subject: No wire flooring for birthing and nursing dogs

Message:

I understand that the IRRC is holding a hearing on August 19th to consider a package of regulations applying to commercial kennels. These regulations include a provision which will allow birthing and nursing mothers to be kept on wire flooring with their puppies. I would like to attend this meeting in person, but I am unable to do so. I have read the following information: "The HSUS stands firm that breeding dogs in Pennsylvania should not be kept on wire or strand flooring and has repeatedly testified on this issue. In fact, PA's Dog Law explicitly provides that all dogs in commercial kennels must be kept on non-injurious flooring, and all dogs over twelve weeks in commercial kennels must not be housed on metal strand flooring. Clearly the intent of the law is to keep mother dogs on solid flooring, regardless of whether or not they are nursing." It seems to me that you have the information needed to make the decision and have heard it repetitively. Do what is right by a breathing, living entity: keep these dogs off of wire cages and floors. Do not do what is wrong, which is to allow inhumane practices to continue. Wire flooring is a convenience issue to the breeders. If you are going to breed dogs, keep them safe. Thank you for your time for reading my letter. Please do the right thing.