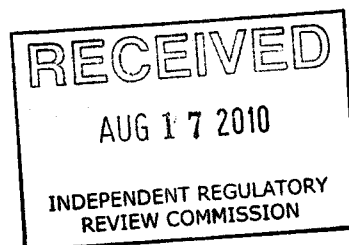


Honorable Arthur Coccodrilli
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August 12, 2010

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli,

I am a small business owner struggling to maintain a quality and professional dog breeder facility in these difficult economic times. I am hoping you will vote "NO" to the proposed regulations contained in 7PA Code Chapter 28A. These regulations will put unnecessary and, in some cases, detrimental requirements to those of us who work very hard to keep our industry at a high quality and also cost efficient.

I believe that the Department of Agriculture has grossly underestimated the costs that would be required to change many kennels if the new requirements are put into effect. HVAC engineers have concluded that energy costs alone will be more money than our kennels annual profit. Needless to say, that would swiftly put many excellent professional breeders, who are trying to maintain top quality, out of business! I believe if you consider the existing research you will determine that many of the proposed regulations are unnecessary.

HVAC firms have given quotes that are many times more expensive than the Department's estimated maximum costs to kennels. They have submitted incorrect and unrealistic accounting figures to IRRC.

In closing many members of the Canine Health Board have devoted a great deal of their personal efforts against the dog breeding industry. Many of their proposed regulations over reach their statutory authority.

Please vote "no" to the proposed regulations in Chapter 28A!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Melvin S. Pelt".

It is so sad how the Governor has placed animal activists into powerful positions in the Department of Agriculture and just to think what we dog breeders have to put up with such crazy regulations if they go through. We Melvin & Holt & son Loren R. Holt have spent thousands of dollars already putting geothermal system in and heat in the floor and air exchange units and plastic fencing partitions and sides and a number of other things that fill pages to explain that I do not want to get into but one thing and the worst thing in the proposed regs. is that the department calls for 100 CFM ^{per dog} blowing over the dogs at shoulder level in their primary enclosures and not only in the holding area but also in the whelping area for the moms and their pups. An example KNL is 1500 sq feet with 100 dogs and the department regulations require that each canine be in air stream flow of a minimum of 100 CFM that is filtered. In this scenario 10,000 cubic feet of air must pass through the filters each minute when the temperature is between 50 and 85 degrees Fahrenheit. The ventilations are the worst let alone the humidity and ammonia measurements are recorded at the height of each canine in its primary. Also there will be 6 MO continuous monitoring in the KNL on Temp Ammonia Humidity so if you want us breeders in business all of us breeders ask you to vote NO to the proposed regs in Chapter 28A. If you just stop and think if you would be penned in your office and having 100 CFM air blowing over you all the time 24 HR a day and having devices installed in your office to monitor all these ^{things} mentioned in the regs you would vote no instantly. If these regs go through there will be ours and others or all out of business. So with so many regs on everybody not just KNLs the country is going down the drain. VERY CONCERNED Melvin Holt