

Thank-you for giving me time today to inform you of a topic that few people have explored with the potential implementation of the proposed Commercial Kennel Canine Health Regulations.

- I own a pet store in Pa.
- We have helped place 1000's of dogs into new, excited homes of Pa. residence.
- I have dealt with Professional breeders for years; I know their breeding stock, registration, vaccination program. I know their kennel, how the dogs are exercised and cared for. I know when the puppies are weaned and in a lot of cases have a history of selling puppies from those same parents in the past. I felt very confident having a full year warranty for the consumer and a buy back policy.
- I also had the confidence that those kennels were licensed and inspected to the same standards that my kennel was.
- One thing that will not change in all of this is that the 12.5 million pa residence is still going to want to be able to purchase a puppy.
- The licensed commercial kennels have dropped from over 400 to about 100. Of those left 85 of that 100 have a waiver waiting to see if they can stay in business or not.
- If these regulations are approved you are putting a death sentence on the few remaining commercial kennels.
- What that means to business is I no longer have a professional breeder that worms their puppies at 2, 4, 6, and 8 weeks. Gives a Bordetella vaccination at 4 weeks, a Parvo Vaccination of 5 weeks, their puppy 5-way vaccination at 6 or 7 weeks and gives them Panacure and Albon the week before they're picked up.
- Instead of one licensed and inspected professional breeder with years of experience of producing healthy puppies you have 10 small unlicensed breeders with a full time job away from home who is raising puppies on the side because there is such a demand and the prices have substantially increased. The puppies are no longer a full time income so there is less concern on the investment of time and in the facilities used to house the dogs. There is no longer any inspection because they are unlicensed. They get less socialization, less vaccinations, less care, and the dog ends up suffering. The consumer ends up suffering.
- Please condemn any regulations that make it impossible for the good commercial kennels to survive in Pa.

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