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From: Helen Speake [mailto:Helen.Speake@dogstrust.org.uk]
Sent: Monday, October 19, 2009 11:59 AM
To: AG, CHBcomments
Subject: Canine Health Board Regulations

Dear Sirs

Please find attached a letter from Clarissa Baldwin OBE, regarding the proposed regulations created by the Governor's Canine Health Board.

Yours faithfully

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Canine Health Board,
c/o Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture,
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Re: Canine Health Board Standards for Commercial Kennels

Dogs Trust is the largest canine welfare organisation in the UK re-homing over 16,000 dogs a year through our network of eighteen Re-homing Centres across the British Isles. Many of the dogs that are taken in by our Centres are likely to have originated in puppy farms (our term for puppy mills). In addition we take ex-breeding bitches from puppy farms and so are well aware of the poor conditions that frequently exist, and of the long term consequences that has on both breeding bitches and their puppies.

Consequently we have worked for many years to raise the standards of care in puppy farms in the UK and in other countries or to have them closed. We consider that good legislation has a significant influence on raising those standards and have expended considerable effort to achieve better legislation in the UK.

We have been shown the proposed Standards for Commercial Kennels. The standards are precise and based on sound scientific principles. We therefore consider that their implementation would significantly enhance the conditions that apply on puppy farms.

Wherever animals are kept in a commercial environment there is a risk that the influence of resources (or lack of them) will impinge on the welfare of the animals. All dogs are sentient beings and deserve the protection of the law when their welfare is threatened and this is particularly important in a commercial environment.

Dogs Trust urges the Department of Agriculture to adopt the proposed standards for commercial kennels.

Yours faithfully

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