

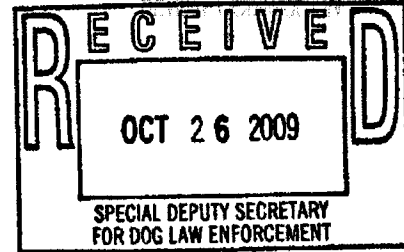
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Canine Health Board
c/o Dept of Agriculture
Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
2301 N. Cameron Street
Room 102
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Re: Regulation ID #2-170 (#2785)
Canine Health Board Standards for Commercial Kennels

To Whom It May Concern:

After reading Pennsylvania Bulletin, Vol. 39, No. 37, September 12, 2009, I have several questions concerning the Proposed Rulemaking.

It is not clear in this document who will make the inspections of these Class C kennels. How will that person be trained in taking the required measurements? By whom? How will the law know about the offending kennels? May a private citizen report a kennel suspected of not complying with the law?

Paragraph 28a.3. Lighting (iii) – “Dogs shall be protected from excessive light.” How is that defined? How long must a dog be exposed in order for it to be deemed vulnerable to “excessive light”?

May I suggest that some of the monies for enforcement of these new rules be used from fines imposed on offending “breeders”. May I also suggest these rules be used for all kennels, not just Class C.

I am very delighted rules are being set up with the intention of eliminating some of the abject cruelty imposed on poor defenseless dogs by these despicable kennel owners.

Thank you for creating these proposals.

Sincerely,

Barbara M. Weller

P.S. Please keep me informed of progress on these standards through my e-mail address above. Thank you.