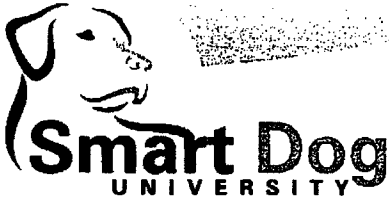


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To Whom It May Concern:

As trainer in the canine profession, I am committed to supporting laws that raise standards of care for dogs. I am writing to endorse the regulations created and proposed by the Canine Health Board. I strongly support these changes for the following reasons:

1. Pennsylvania is known as "puppy mill capital" a name that implies that dogs are raised in inhumane conditions.
2. These regulations were created using advice provided by scientific experts and are based in scientific research, not on opinion.
3. These regulations will ensure that any dog who is commercially bred will be given adequate light, heat, ventilation, air quality, flooring, and social exposure and interaction - all essential factors that were OMITTED from the recently enacted dog law. For the first time, commercially bred puppies and dogs will have a guarantee of an environment that will promote - not hinder - behavioral and physical health.
4. It is time that Pennsylvania was a leader in humane care of animals, rather than always appearing in the news for the numerous abuses that occur here. This regulation will ensure humane care.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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