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IRRC Vice Chairman George Bedwick
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Dear Vice-Chairman Bedwick,

Please consider the below concerns pertaining to the proposed changes to Section 28a of the Canine Health Board Standards for Commercial Kennels. I believe that in many ways these proposals will be detrimental to the care of dogs in kennels which is, I am sure, not the intended result.

Young puppies are unable to maintain their own body heat and therefore require supplemental heat sources to achieve air temperatures between 91 and 96 degrees. And yet, the new proposal requires kennel owners to keep a kennel at less than 86 degrees. I believe that the Department exceeds their authority to create a law which would make it illegal to keep puppies at a safe temperature.

Requiring 8 – 20 air changes would be excessive. This would actually be in violation to the Federal Law that mandates that dogs must be protected from drafts in the primary enclosure. In a 40' x 100' building the proposal would require that 5300 cubic feet of air per minute be pushed through a facility – certainly causing excessive drafting.

Under Section 28a.3, the lighting requirement of 50 to 80 foot candles is excessive. Actually that intensity could be harmful to the dogs since average home lighting is 12 to 20 foot candles and even commercial lighting is 15 to 30 foot candles. Also if a kennel owner had to create a diurnal light cycle for day and night lighting it would cost over \$18,500. Excessive cost for inhumane lighting would be a ridiculous proposal!

As you can see, some of the proposals in this legislation would create unhealthy or undesirable conditions for the dogs. For this reason, I encourage you to vote against the proposals and reevaluate the legislation. Thank you for your consideration and time.

Sincerely,

Daniel P. Esh

*Please Mr Bedwick,
too many things are just blown way out of
common sense & almost impossible. It sure isn't
for the welfare of dogs & especially not puppies some
things are just unbelievable.
Please help us!
Dan*

P.S. This is all in #9 only a lot of others are also not common sense almost impossible. Thanks.

10-30-09 P.S. Please write me back!

Rec: Mr. Bedwick

→ greetings from Intercourse! This is taking
Manu Many Kennels out of business already with
-coring regulations! The people are just not able to
get money to rebuild when they don't know what the
Health board is going to get there yet? Please read #?
with 1- things it says dogs may not exhibit! Even a lot
of the other stuff is almost impossible, Our dogs are kept dry
clean now, but how can we keep them dry & clean out on grass
when it rains or sarnus?? #1 What will be excessive parties? When
dogs are excited when inspect is here for hrs. & they are out running
& barking in 50 ft long runs! #11 Shivering? If they are out
in rain & snow even people shiver?? #5 And when they come
inside they are very liable to huddle?? #6 I'm afraid they
will even have a runny nose or Mucus from being in wet & cold?
#7 Even my children sometimes have a little creasing of eyes in
mornning or Redness from cold! #8 Some Breeds like Biscuits
& Shitzus
are known to some of them have what they call Tenny's
it's normal you can take dog to vet & there is nothing wrong with the
dog but this will make us in violation!! #10 People cough and sneeze -
how can you keep any dog from ever coughing or sneezing?
#11 How can I keep dog from getting wet if they can freely go
outside in rain & snow? #12 Do people ever get diarrhea? Dogs
Do to?? #13 I agree should not be bloody #14 Vomiting, diarrhea
Known to put to much sometimes & vomit & eat again. I just can't see
how anyone could control much of this stuff. Please Please
Please. help us. I love my dogs sincerely Daniel Eric