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Working Together to Break the Chain of Cruelty

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Dennis Wolff, Secretary of Agriculture
Department of Agriculture
Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement
2301 North Cameron Street, Room 102
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Dear Secretary Wolff:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on 39 Pa.B. 310 (published Saturday, January 17, 2009). The regulations which the Canine Health Board has proposed and unanimously approved bring much needed relief to dogs in "commercial" (Class C) kennels in Pennsylvania.

By instituting the following standards which were derived from data that has been established and accepted throughout the scientific community, the PA Department of Agriculture will have the tools to be able to better protect the dogs in class "C" kennels.

- 8 -20 air changes per hour to control humidity, ammonia levels, odors, and disease
- all class "C" kennels must provide natural light
- solid flooring in addition to the already legislated flooring
- cooling system must be used to keep the temperature below 86 degrees
- relative humidity shall be maintained at 40-60% when the temperature is between 50 – 75 degrees and the humidity must be maintained at 1-50% when the temperature is above 75 degrees
- ammonia levels shall be less than 10 parts per million
- kennels shall install and maintain carbon monoxide detectors

For too long in Pennsylvania, profiteers have reaped the financial rewards of mass producing puppies with little to no regard for the health and well-being of the puppies or the breeding stock. The standards proposed by the Canine Health Board for Class "C" commercial kennels will raise the required treatment of dogs in these kennels to a more humane level.

United Against Puppy Mills fully supports these standards and encourages the passage of this regulation as proposed.

Sincerely,

Cynthia M. Baxter, Esquire, Legislative Chair

cc: Jessie L Smith, Special Deputy Secretary, Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement