


COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
EXECUTIVE ORDER

Subject:		Governor's Dog Law Advice Group		Number:		2006-11	
Date:		December 22, 2006		By Direction of:		 Edward G. Rendell, Governor	

- WHEREAS, the welfare and safety of dogs is of great import to the citizens of the Commonwealth;
- WHEREAS, the Commonwealth should strive to promote the welfare and protection of dogs and seek to be a leader in this area;
- WHEREAS, the substandard conditions under which some dogs have been kenneled, bred and sold in Pennsylvania has caused the Commonwealth to become known as a "puppy mill" state;
- WHEREAS, there is an initiative to ensure that Pennsylvanians can be proud of the way the Commonwealth protects dogs through legislation, regulation, enforcement and education;
- WHEREAS, greater coordination of this initiative and the Dog Law agenda should be more fully communicated to the members of the Dog Law Advisory Board ("Board") created under the Section 901(c) of the Dog Law and the public who attend the meetings of the Board; and
- WHEREAS, full communication of various concerns and views would better serve the Secretary of Agriculture, the Board and the citizens of the Commonwealth in addressing the important issues surrounding the welfare and protection of dogs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Edward G. Rendell, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and other laws of the Commonwealth, do hereby designate persons to serve as advisors to represent additional views and concerns to the Board and public at the public meetings of the Board.

1. Members. Eight citizens of the Commonwealth who have demonstrated their desire to protect the safety and welfare of dogs.

2. Responsibilities. The responsibilities of this advisory group shall be to:

a. consult with me regarding the administration of the Dog Law and issues regarding the safety and welfare of dogs;

- b.** attend all public meetings of the Board;
- c.** serve as public liaisons to the Board; and
- d.** communicate with the Board and the public in attendance at the meetings.

3. Terms. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

4. Compensation and Expenses. Member shall not receive a salary or per diem allowance but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with Commonwealth policy.

5. Effective Date. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

6. Termination Date. This Executive Order shall remain in effect until rescinded or revised by the Governor.