



Paws for a Cause

Working Together to Break the Chain of Cruelty

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Founded by Lancaster residents, UAPM was organized March 31, 2005, and continues through the work of volunteers. There are no paid employees.

Our primary charitable purpose is to promote awareness and provide training for people interested in effecting positive action for the elimination of puppy mills as they currently exist.

UAPM is an incorporated, federally approved 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

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Zoning Activity Heats Up

On January 1, 2009, the Pennsylvania Dog Law, ACT 119, came into effect. The Dog Law Bureau of the Department of Agriculture sent a letter to all Pennsylvania kennel owners (this letter is on the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture's web site) requiring them to register their kennels with their respective townships.

This requirement has kennel owners stepping forward in large numbers to register. As a result, UAPM's Zoning Group is busier than ever, preparing for and attending zoning hearings across the county. Many kennels have been operating illegally for years, meaning the kennels have never been registered with their respective townships. The Dog Law registration requirement is a step in the right direction. We have been presenting state documents at these zoning meetings which reveal, in numerous cases, a lack of proper dog/puppy care and of proper kennel facility maintenance. However, even with evidence of poor kennel management, these kennels are still gaining township approval.

We are, however, seeing more approvals with conditions of limiting the number of breeding dogs and in a few cases, the number of puppies. We anticipate the same amount of activity over

the next few months. We will continue to monitor zoning activity and strive to make a difference!

Overview of Zoning Activity

22 Kennel Case Zoning Hearings in 10 Townships (*1 in October, 2008; 20 from January through March, 2009*)

- Brecknock Township (1)
- Earl Township (2)
- East Earl Township (5)
- East Lampeter Township (3)
- Mount Joy Township (1)
- Rapho Township (1)
- Sadsbury Township (2)
- Salisbury Township (3)
- West Cocalico Township (2)
- West Hempfield Township (2)

Zoning Decisions

- 17 Special Exceptions
- 4 Variances
- 11 Existing Kennels
- 8 New Kennels
- 2 Expanded Kennels
- 3 K-1 Kennels
- 2 K-2 Kennels
- 2 K-3 Kennels
- 2 K-4 Kennels
- 6 K-5 Kennels
- 10 limited the number of dogs
- 4 cases were approved without following the zoning ordinances

Note: most kennels are retail operations

Is YOUR township mentioned? If so, we encourage you to keep current with any zoning activities regarding these kennels by calling your municipality's supervisors. By law, you are entitled to know the kennel's name, owner, and location. **As a township resident, your calls count!**

HOTLINES

Report abuse or other problems to PA Dept of Agriculture:

1-877-DOG-TIP1

Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals:

1-866-601-SPCA

UAPM Shop Smart Consumer Tip Line
(Callers hear 2 minute message)

1-866-975-DOGS

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our organization has officially turned four! We started our organization, as our veterans know, on a rainy, stormy March 31 evening. Despite the horrific weather, we had a turnout of over one hundred people! We have come a long way since that first night. Why have we survived? It is because of our long-standing, dedicated volunteers! We have had new volunteers step forward, segue into leadership positions, and truly make a difference in the work of our organization!

During the process of the subsequent final passage of the Dog Law (ACT 119), the “puppy millers’ community” were playing wait-and-see concerning not only state application status, but also the next steps regarding the registrations of their kennels in each respective township.

The Dog Law’s passage and subsequent changes in the dog law arena has implications for United Against Puppy Mills (UAPM) not only in our legislative efforts, but also regarding our zoning and public relations/education/awareness work. In this issue you will be informed about our three areas of operation and how the new Dog Law has moved us to work differently.

The new Dog Law has also brought about change which has impacted UAPM’s zoning group, largely increasing that group’s activity. Please read the zoning article contained in this issue for more details on their hard work.

While our UAPM web site is a powerful connector for each of us, operating live, one-on-one, is more important as ever. We’ve increased the number of spring tabling events to serve as a perfect opportunity to keep everyone connected, in real time, to our vision and mission. We’ll have more opportunities to bring together veteran volunteers with new volunteers and immediately connect these new volunteers with the worthwhile task of public education.

As volunteers, we ask that you keep your resolve to work for the imprisoned and neglected puppy mill dogs. It is the right thing to do and a fight worth fighting. They need our help each and every day and as a volunteer with United Against Puppy Mills, you can be sure your help is always making a difference.

Thank you,
Helen Ebersole

Marketing is More Than a Pretty Billboard

Marketing involves much more than colorful brochures, billboards, and handouts. Marketing is how we place ourselves in the minds of the public. United Against Puppy Mills works through a fact-based methodology within the realms of zoning, public awareness, and legislation to fulfill its mission of the elimination of puppy mills as they currently exist.

Though our volunteers are passionate about the cause, we are all in agreement that extreme activism is not how UPAM operates. Being a fact-based advocacy group for PA puppy mill dogs is who we are. Keeping pressure on our legislators, attending zoning hearings, educating public, and increasing awareness is how we cause positive change for the dogs. Within its four years of ex-

istence, UAPM has earned a respected voice in effecting positive change. We are making a difference. But although the new dog law will create more humane conditions for some dogs kept in PA’s breeding kennels, the law does not teach compassion for man’s best friend. Therefore, these unfortunate farmed companion animals will most likely continue to be exploited and neglected -- in somewhat better living conditions. And so, our work continues.

Yes, billboards and ads are in this year’s

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plans to keep our cause in the public’s eye, but increasing awareness of UAPM’s mission is something we can all easily do every day. Here are some ideas:

- wear our cause on a t-shirt, a bumper sticker on your car, or a yard sign
- invite a conversation about dogs and puppy mills
- request a UAPM speaker for your next event
- speak up when you learn or overhear of someone’s intentions of getting a dog
- encourage dog adoption by telling your friends and co-workers about Petfinder.com, local shelters, and breed-specific rescue groups
- spread the word about our new consumer tip line (see back page) or download and post a sign from our website’s “Action Alert” link
- direct people to our website

Remember, PA’s commercial kennel dogs need our voice and our commitment for positive change. They cannot speak for themselves. And *that’s* a fact.



UAPM FUNdraising

Annual Dinner and Silent Auction Benefit Success

The Pancake Farm did a fantastic job as usual and a delicious meal was enjoyed by all. We are so grateful for all of the wonderful silent auction donations and for all the hard work accomplished by our volunteers, the Pancake Farm staff, and our special guest volunteers, the Dutchland Derby Rollers. It's nice to see so many come out to enjoy our fundraising events.

Moo Money

Remember to continue saving Moo Money from Turkey Hill milk products purchased at Turkey Hill Minit Markets. Simply save the caps wearing the Moo Money stickers and United Against Puppy Mills receives 15 cents per lid! We've already earned hundreds of dollars thanks

to the easy task of saving a cap!

iGive.com

It's easy to help UAPM earn funds through iGive. When you shop online, log onto iGive.com/UAPM to shop from over 700 stores. These stores will donate a percentage of your purchase to UAPM. Simply select UAPM as your cause and shop on! You can even use iGive's search engine at iSearchiGive.com.

Longaberger Basket FUNdraiser

Our very first basket bingo will take place on April 26, 2009 at the Ephrata Recreation Center, 130 S. Academy Drive, Ephrata, PA. Join us for an afternoon of fun, food, and prizes. All baskets will be filled with merchandise! Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$22 at the door. Admission price includes 20 regular games; 4 "specials" will also be played. There will

be raffles, a 50/50, and door prizes, too. Doors and kitchen open at 11:30 a.m. and bingo starts at 1:00 p.m., so come early to find your lucky seat!

Purchase tickets in advance at the Pancake Farm in Ephrata, by using the order form below, or through our web site at www.UnitedAgainstPuppyMills.com.

Can't make it the day of bingo and would like to support our FUNdraiser? Please send your tax deductible donation made payable to: United Against Puppy Mills, Attn: Basket Bingo, P.O. Box 7202, Lancaster, PA 17604.

There is always an opportunity to get involved with fundraising for United Against Puppy Mills. Visit our web site often to learn more about upcoming fundraisers and events.

Dutchland Rollers Chose UAPM as Benefit Charity



From left, Dutchland Rollers' Stompin' Lizzie Stanton poses with UAPM volunteers Ginny Whiskeyman and Lori McGowan.

Upcoming Events... Volunteer!

Event tabling is an integral part of UAPM. It gives our volunteers the opportunity to meet the public and deliver information about current legislation that governs commercial breeding kennels. Through event tabling, we can educate the unsuspecting consumer and promote animal welfare.

As with every year, a full schedule awaits

our volunteers who give generously of their time. If you have thought about volunteering, we invite you to give it a try. Please contact us through our website, or send an email to info@UnitedAgainstPuppyMills.org to receive a volunteer application. If you are unable to volunteer, please come out and show your support!

10th Annual Whitemarsh Township Day Rescue Round-up

Miles Park in Lafayette Hill, PA
April 25, 2009, 12pm-5pm

The 7th Annual John DeBella Dog Walk

Green Lane Park
1614 Snyder Road, Green Lane, PA
April 26, 2009, 10AM - 2PM

Hospital Day in the Park

Ephrata Community Hospital
June 6th, 2009, 6am-4pm

Jubilee Days

Mechanicsburg, PA
June 18, 2009, 10am-10pm

Mt. Gretna Art Show

August 15-16th, 2009, 8am-6pm

L'Oreal -Your Dog Is Worth It, Too

Cranbury, NJ
August 15, 2009, 9am-4pm

Awareness Day

Intercourse Community Park
Intercourse, PA
September 19, 2009, 11am-5pm

Woofstock

Riverfront Park, Harrisburg, PA
September 20, 2009, 11am-5pm

Columbia Bridgebust

Columbia, PA
October 3, 2009, 8am-4pm



The Dutchland Rollers are truly a team with a lot of heart. At each of their bouts, a charity is chosen to benefit by receiving a portion of the ticket sales for the night and are given space for an information table, too.. UAPM was honored as their charity of choice at the home season opener on March 21, 2009 at Overlook Park in Manheim Township, Lancaster, PA. A special thanks to UAPM volunteer Amy Bitting for speaking at halftime. To learn more about this generous group of athletic ladies and their upcoming schedule, visit their website: www.dutchlandrollers.com.

ADVANCE TICKET ORDER FORM



United Against Puppy Mills
FUNdraising Benefit

Sunday, April 26, 2009

Ephrata Recreation Center
130 S. Academy Drive, Ephrata, PA

Doors & kitchen open at 11:30 am
Bingo starts at 1:00 pm

Proceeds benefit **United Against Puppy Mills**

This fundraiser is in no way connected with, or sponsored by the Longaberger Company.
Children may play if accompanied by an adult.

DOOR PRIZES!
*All baskets will be filled
with merchandise!*
RAFFLES!

Ticket Prices:

Advance: \$18.00

At the Door/Day of Event: \$22.00

Price includes 20 regular games.
4 Specials will be played.

NOTE: Advance tickets will be held at the door in your name.

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Spread the Word! Make copies for friends & co-workers, too!

(Please Print)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE () _____ Best Time To Call _____

**Your tickets will be held
in your name at the door,
and will not be mailed.**

Number of Tickets _____

× **\$18** each
(One ticket per person)

Total Enclosed \$ _____



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*Thanks for
your support!!*

Please make checks payable to:
United Against Puppy Mills

Mail to: UAPM
PO Box 7202
Lancaster, PA 17604

Please mail completed order form with your check or money order before April 18, 2009

Did You Know?

The Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement issues an annual report to the General Assembly every March which relates to the previous year's data.

The current report for 2008 can be found on line at www.agriculture.state.pa.us/agriculture/lib/agriculture/doglawfiles/annual_dog_law_report_2008_w_apps.pdf

This report outlines statistical information on 11 data points relating to the activities of the Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement.

One of these data points is the financial information of the Dog Law Enforcement Restricted Fund. Sources of revenue for the Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement are:

- i. Individual dog license fees
- ii. Kennel license fees
- iii. Out-of-state dealer license fees
- iv. Funds from fines & penalties
- v. Miscellaneous fees

No tax dollars are used in the funding of the Bureau.

Payments are made from the Dog Law Restricted Fund to cover operating expenses. The following are the costs and revenues for 2008.

Revenue \$6,728,122

Expenditures \$8,043,424

Ending Balance in the restricted fund \$12,840,976.

Progress Made

	2007	2008
Licensed Kennels	1,667	1,538
Kennels license to house more than 251 breeding dogs	254	249
Total dogs kept in breeding facilities	156,534	134,317
Total number of dogs sold	124,296	112,867

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HOUSE BILL 39

House Bill 39 was recently introduced by Representative Tom Caltagirone (D-Berks) into the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for consideration. The Bill will amend Pennsylvania's Criminal Code for certain acts of animal cruelty. More specifically, it will impose criminal penalties for performing c-sections, tail docking, or debarking procedures on a dog in Pennsylvania unless performed by a licensed veterinarian while the dog is under anesthesia. On February 11, 2009, the PA House of Representatives passed HB39 with a vote of 192-0. HB39 was referred to the PA Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee on March 5, 2009. To date, this Committee has not voted on HB39. Please refer to UAPM's website at www.UnitedAgainstPuppyMills.org to see how you can help UAPM by urging the PA Senate to pass this bill.

ACT 119 Update

As you probably already know, Act 119 was signed into law by Governor Rendell on October 9, 2008. Thanks goes out to all of you that supported Act 119 (HB2525) through phone calls, letters, and e-mails to your legislators! The groundswell of support that was initiated by dog lovers throughout the Commonwealth had a significant impact on the passage of Act 119.

The Act establishes certain standards for the treatment of dogs in PA's commercial kennels such as required floor space, exercise requirements, and veterinary examinations. In addition, the Act provides for a Canine Health Board (CHB) to set regulations for temperature controls, ventilation, lighting, ammonia levels, and humidity ranges in large kennels licensed in PA. The CHB consists of nine

PA veterinarians that were appointed to serve on the CHB by either the Governor, the Pennsylvania Veterinary Medical Association, the University of Pennsylvania Veterinary School, or various Committees in the PA Senate or House of Representatives. In December, 2008, the CHB submitted its proposed standards to the Department of Agriculture. The proposed CHB standards were published in the PA Bulletin on January 17th, 2009. After such publication, the general public was given an opportunity to comment on the proposed standards until February 16th, 2009. At this time, the proposed CHB standards are being reviewed by the Independent Regulatory Review Commission for approval.

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Shop Smart

UAPM Campaign Targets Consumers

UAPM launched an educational public service campaign featuring a toll-free consumer tip line. "Shop Smart" ads that contained the toll-free phone number were placed in the Dogs for Sale category of newspaper classified ads across the state and in Baltimore. The public was urged to call the phone number for important information before they chose a dog. Callers were strongly urged to adopt a dog instead of buying one and were given Petfinder's website address. Since its initiation in early December, 2008, the campaign has been utilized by hundreds potential dog buyers. The campaign is designed to lower the demand for pet store puppies by providing consumers with information, tools, and resources to make an informed choice. The 2-minute recorded message includes the following information:



SHOP SMART
866-975-DOGS
Before you buy one!

www.UnitedAgainstPuppyMills.org

- an estimated 99% of pet store puppies are from puppy mills
- cramped, filthy conditions and poor health management in puppy mills can cause many health-related and sometimes serious problems to surface after the puppy has been sold
- it's likely that the puppy's parents are not treated humanely
- never buy a puppy without seeing, in person, the mom and where she and the pups live
- make sure the mom is showing interest in the puppy to know it is hers
- adopting a dog instead of buying one is recommended to avoid unwittingly supporting puppy mills and animal cruelty
- Petfinder.com web address
- dog purchasers have rights in Pennsylvania under the "Puppy Lemon Law"
- UAPM's web address

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