

Who Will Help Pennsylvania's Breeder Dogs?



**BEFORE
RESCUE**



**AFTER RESCUE
AND VET CARE**

For well over a year state dog wardens walked past a little dog clearly suffering from malnutrition and a serious skin condition. Despite issuing written warnings to the breeding kennel for Dog Law infractions that related to the structure and condition of the kennel, not one warden took the time to notify a humane officer and seek help for this dog's neglected condition and obvious distress and misery.

Only a humane officer may cite the owner of a breeding kennel for animal abuse, cruelty or neglect.

No matter how many laws Pennsylvania passes to improve the health and welfare of the dogs in state licensed commercial breeding kennels, helpless animals will continue to suffer until dog wardens do their entire job, including paying attention to the physical condition of the dogs, and contacting humane officers to cite kennel operators when it's apparent that Section 5511 of the PA Crimes Code is being broken.

The dog pictured above, Shrimp, Pennsylvania's "spokescanine" for the breeder dogs, was rescued and received veterinary care but he is one of the lucky few to have made it out of the mills alive. Thousands of dogs in Pennsylvania are in need of help but no one hears their cries.

As my elected official, I'm asking that you participate in initiating an investigation as to why dog wardens do not contact humane officers when they observe canines in need of veterinary care and why the Bureau of Dog Law administration does not instruct and encourage them to do so.

Please help stop the suffering.

Sincerely,

Name: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

In memory of Shrimp, a little dog with a big message.