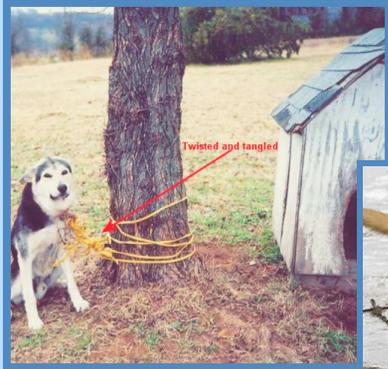


Reasons for the change

Public Safety and Animal Welfare

- Tethered dogs can become a public nuisance because barking is their only outlet
- Tethered dogs are more likely to bite
- Tethered dogs can become lonely, bored and anxious which leads to increased anxiety and aggression
- Tethered dogs are at risk of injury due to extreme weather conditions and entanglement



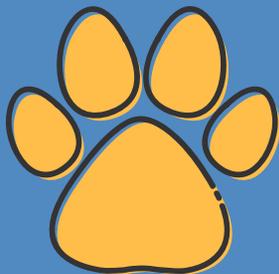
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Tethering Ordinance

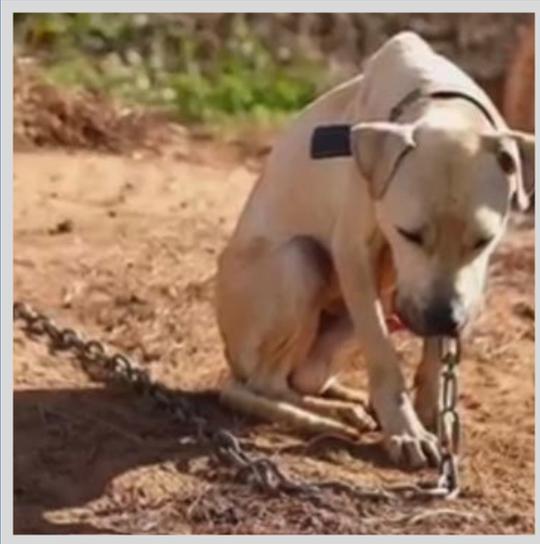
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Tethering

Tethering refers to the keeping of dogs on chains, ropes or other such tie-outs versus within a fenced area. It is often defined in reference to a stationary object (for example, a dog chained to a stake or tree), but also includes overhead trolley systems. Tethering does not refer to walking a dog on a leash.



Tethering ordinance passed on October 8th, 2018

Prohibitions

- It shall be unlawful to tether a dog or similar house-pet outdoors, except under the following circumstances:*
- No animal may be tethered between the hours of 10pm and 6am.*
- No animal may be tethered as a primary method of regular confinement*
- No animal may be tethered for longer than 30 minutes unless provided with adequate food, water and shelter*
- Someone must be home while the animal is tethered outdoors*
- A tethered animal cannot be under 6 months of age.*
- A tethered animal must not be tethered outdoors in temperatures below 32F or above 85F.*
- A tethered animal must be tethered using a properly fitted collar. Choke or prong collars are prohibited.*
- The tether and collar must not weigh more than 1/8th of the animals weight and must be in good shape, free from tangles.*
- From it's fixed point, the tether must measure at least 3 times the length of the animal from the tip of the nose to the base of the tail (not including the tail) and must be placed where the animal cannot be in danger of entanglement or strangulation.*

Alternatives to tethering

As an alternative to tethering, we recommend bringing your dog inside and training them to be a well behaved part of your family. A fence is a safe and healthy alternative to a tether and allows your dog freedom without all of the damage of a tether. An invisible fence or in ground fence is another great alternative for keeping your pet confined to your yard. Outdoor pets must have adequate food, water, and shelter available.

