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## TETHERING DOGS

### **Why is it cruel to tether a dog?**

Dogs are social animals which have evolved to live in a pack environment. In today's world, the company of humans has replaced the pack. Dogs who live on a tether are isolated from family activities, and their psychological needs are not met.

"Psychologically, dogs are just not meant to live that way, and eventually it inflicts a toll on them," Walker said. "Their behavior becomes poor. They can become aggressive or extremely fearful, which they'll bite you either way."

### **Why is tethering dangerous to dogs?**

Tethered dogs cannot escape from cruel humans, other animals or biting insects, and they are at the mercy of weather conditions. The tether often becomes tangled, preventing the dog from reaching shelter or shade.

Many dogs strangle to death after their tether becomes tangled around other objects, or they die from heat exhaustion or thirst when their water bowls are tipped over.

### **Why is it dangerous to people to tether a dog?**

Dogs which are tethered for long periods of time can become very aggressive. When confronted with a perceived threat, a dog has the option of fight or flight, but a tethered dog cannot flee from what he perceives as a threat and feels forced to fight.

### **How does the community as a whole benefit from the tethering ordinance?**

The areas where dogs are tethered are generally unsightly. Since the dog is forced to eat, sleep, urinate and defecate in the same area, the grass is worn down and an area of mud and feces surrounds the dog.

Tethered dogs often bark incessantly, creating a disturbance in the neighborhood.

We're never going to eliminate animal cruelty, because we can't eliminate child abuse or domestic violence or any of those things either," , "But at least we can, hopefully, change some people's attitudes."

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