

# IT'S NOT OKAY TO CHAIN YOUR DOG

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## Man's best friend?

Dogs are social animals, who come to us to be loved and give ample love in return. When living chained, they are not pets, but prisoners.

## It's not okay!

It's not okay to chain dogs outside for life, confined, tethered by the neck. Dogs who live chained suffer from constant exposure to the elements and often become entangled in their chains, which prevents them from reaching their shelter, choking, and even hanging to death. They also are 2.5 times more likely to bite.

## Why?

Chaining goes against the dog's natural instincts. He is separated from the people he loves, feels uncared for, bored, angry, and mean. If your dog then attacks an innocent child, you will be held liable.

## There are alternatives!

You can bring your dog into your home, get quality training. Fence your yard so that she may run free in her own area.

## Animal abuse is illegal. Do you know what abuse is?

Dogs and cats are intelligent and social animals and dogs prefer to live together in interacting communities. If you leave your dog tied up for long hours in the hot sun or all night long, all alone, you're depriving him of his basic nature — to have a pack. It's one of the cruelest things you can do to him. A lone dog is an unhappy dog, and a chained dog can become aggressive. Chained dogs frequently bark excessively, trying to get attention. When he finally stops barking, it's because he's given up on his call for freedom.

Dogs prefer to live inside with you, but if your dog **MUST** be outside, build a fence for him and provide him with a spacious, weatherproof doghouse. Welded wire and landscape timber fences are inexpensive and will make life happier for your dog. Consider getting him a companion so he won't spend his life alone.

No matter how much you think you'll spend time outside with him, most of your time is spent inside your home, especially in the cold winter and hot summer. Don't leave your dog outside all alone to suffer physically and emotionally. Would YOU want to live chained by the neck 24/7?

It's against the law in most places to let your dog roam the streets. To give him exercise, take him for walks on a leash. It's a good way for you to bond, the exercise is good for YOU, and your dog will love the new sights and smells. And both of you might enjoy meeting new people along the way.

The way to correct and teach your dog is not by force, screams or by getting mad at him. Have patience and show love. You can train your pet by using the reward system with treats, love, toys, etc. Animals deserve to be treated with dignity. They are under our care and are depending on us for survival.

Think about the daily life of your pet. Is he bored, lonely, cold, or hot? Does he suffer in silence alone on your patio? Put yourself in his place. Would you be happy? All of us should take care of our pets because it's the right thing to do.



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