



Un-Chain Your Dog

You cannot tether or chain a dog outdoors for more than 1 (one) continuous hour in any 12 hour period between 6 am and 11 pm. **Absolutely No** tethering between 11 pm and 6 am.

No dog can be tethered **for any length of time** if the chain or tether :

- Endangers such dog's health, safety or well-being.
- Restricts dog's access to food, fresh water and dry ground.
- Is a choke, pinch or prong collar that restrains in such a manner that it impairs the flow of oxygen or blood
- Has a collar that is embedded or may become embedded or entangled
- Has weights attached or links that are more than 1/4 inch thick
- Weighs more than 12.5% of the dog's weight, not to exceed 15 lbs. or is less than 15 feet in length.
- Is long enough to allow such dog to move outside of its owner's property or is fixed (does not swivel) on either end.

- No person shall tether, leash, fasten, secure, restrain, chain or tie a dog to any stationary object outdoors if the dog is:
- Less than 6 months of age;
- Sick or injured
- Nursing mother whose offspring is present
- Multiple dogs shall not be tethered in such a manner that they are able to come into contact with each other while restrained.

You cannot tether, leash, fasten, secure, chain, tie, pen or confine a dog outdoors when:

- The temperature is below 32° Fahrenheit
- The temperature is above 90° Fahrenheit
- The National Weather Service has issued a heat or wind chill advisory, watch or warning or
- Conditions are not appropriate due to the breed, physical condition and climate as established pursuant to NYS Agriculture and Markets Law 353-b, Appropriate Shelter For Dogs Left Outdoors.

Violation constitutes an unclassified misdemeanor

IT'S THE LAW!

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