

Chaining & Tethering Pet Safety Guide



What you need to know to keep your pets safe while outdoors

- Dogs are social creatures and long-term confinement to one area causes frustration and aggression. Over time, this aggression can be turned toward humans.
- Dogs that are tethered/chained for long periods of time live and sleep in the same place where they urinate and defecate. This is unsanitary for the animal.
- Dogs are vulnerable to poor weather - cold, heat, rain, snow.
- When dogs are tethered/chained they cannot get away from other animals that may hurt them, such as other dogs or wild animals.
- When a dog on a tether or chain feels threatened by an animal or person and can't escape, it immediately goes into fight mode, making it hard for humans to interact and engage with the dog.
- Generally, most animals that are tethered/chained for long periods of times do not get regular feedings, human engagement (if any), and vet care (if any).
- Dogs frequently get caught in their tether or chain and can be injured - even losing a leg or foot.

Great Plains SPCA Recommends:

- No animal should be tethered for more than 30 minutes at a time and three hours in a day.
- Animals should be provided water and shelter while on a tether.
- Animals should be supervised while on a tether.

People ask if pulley runs are safer. Many of the same risks above are associated with pulley runs and increases the chance of a dog hanging itself.



Contact the Great Plains SPCA HERO Team at HERO@greatplainssPCA.org for assistance providing a pet with proper shelter or if you know of a pet in need. The HERO Team will provide crates and training information for bringing outdoor pets inside, especially during dangerously hot or cold weather.

IF YOU SEE AN ANIMAL IN DISTRESS CALL 911

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