



A DOG'S LIFE

Chaining and Your Community

Chaining quotes:

USDA – United States Department of Agriculture

From the Federal Register Vol. 1, No. 68 (July 2, 1996): “Our experience in enforcing the Animal Welfare Act has led us to conclude that continuous confinement of dogs by a tether is inhumane. A tether significantly restricts the dog’s movement. A tether can also become tangled around or hooked on the dog’s shelter structure or other objects, further restricting the dog’s movement and potentially causing injury.”

Scientific study

From the study *Which Dogs Bite? A Case Control Study of Risk Factors*: “Our finding that being chained in the yard may be a risk factor for biting is in agreement with prior studies which have demonstrated that chained dogs account for a substantial portion of serious and fatal bites.”

AVMA – American Veterinary Medical Association

From press releases dated May 17, 2002 and May 5, 2003 for National Dog Bite Prevention Week: “Never tether or chain your dog because this can contribute to aggressive behavior.”

HSUS – The Humane Society of the United States

From *The Chaining and Tethering of Dogs fact sheet* – “The practice [of chaining or tethering dogs] is both inhumane and a threat to the safety of the confined dog, other animals, and humans.”

ASPCA – American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

From the web article *Phresh Air Phydeaux* – “A dog who’s kept outside experiences social isolation. He may engage in excessive barking and howling in an attempt to reunite with his pack.”

AHA – American Humane Association

(*The mission of AHA is “to prevent cruelty, abuse, neglect, and exploitation of children and animals and to assure that their interests and well-being are fully, effectively, and humanely guaranteed by an aware and caring society.”)

“Tethering or chaining dogs makes them feel vulnerable and increases their aggression.”

Karen Delise

(*licensed veterinary technician and author)

From the book *Fatal Dog Attacks: the Stories behind the Statistics* – “Chaining a dog is arguably the single most dangerous condition in which to maintain a dog. Statistically, chained dogs are more dangerous than free-running packs of dogs.”



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