



# Imperial County Animal Control



## DOG TETHERING LAW What the public should know

Healthy & Safety Code Section 122335, makes it illegal for a person to;

***“tether, fasten, chain, tie, or restrain a dog to a doghouse, tree, fence, or any other stationary object for a period of more than 3 hours within a 24 hour period.”***

**The following are exceptions to this law:**

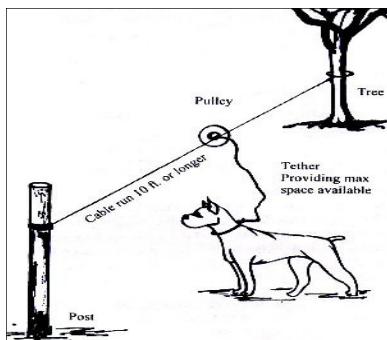
- The usage of “running lines, pulleys, or trolley systems”  
If any of these systems are used, the dog cannot be connected by a choke or pinch collar.
- The usage of tethers in a campground or recreational area (for those areas that require it)
- A dog may also be tethered for no more than 3 hours in a 24 hour period, in order to complete a temporary task.
- Usage of a tether in connection with an activity conducted pursuant to a license issued by the State of California or while a dog is engaged in an activity related to shepherding, herding livestock, or cultivating agricultural products.

**Appropriate ways to confine your dog:**

- Install fencing that your dog will not climb over or crawl under
- Use a trolley system or running line

**Safety tips for using a trolley system:**

- Provide water and shelter to your dogs at all times
- Do not place too close to a fence
- Keep the dog's running area free of items to reduce the possibility of the dog getting entangled
- Use a sturdy leather, canvas, or nylon collar or harness to tether the dog



**Healthy & Safety Code Section 122335 (d):** A person who violates this chapter is guilty of an infraction or a misdemeanor.

**Note:** Dogs must have access to adequate shelter, food, water and ventilation. Do not place your dog in a garage or other area with inadequate air flow.

**All Pets Deserve Access to Adequate Shelter, Food, Water and Ventilation.**

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