

All dogs can be a good boy.

Always start at home. If you worry your pet is aggressive, destructive, or will run away, follow our advice. **Be a responsible pet owner, do not chain your dog.**

1. **Train your dog** through obedience courses. Petco and PetSmart provide courses at a reasonable price. **Positive reinforcement training** will help you create a bond with your pet. Your dog will be more than willing to listen to you if you are the best owner ever. Never punish your dog, it will only cause more damage. **Stay away** from prong dog training collars. These pinch collars only work when a dog wears it due to the fear of getting pinched on the throat and neck area. Not cool!
2. **Exercise your pet.** Dogs have lots of energy, help them get rid of it during play time or with a simple walk around the block. A happy and exhausted dog will not be destructive.
3. **Dog proof your backyard and spay and neuter your pet.** Even if you keep your dog inside your house safe and sound, dog proof your backyard. Do not forget to **spay** or **neuter** your pet so he or she will not feel the need to run after a potential mating partner. More than 80% of dogs hit by cars are unaltered dogs.

You have the power to better the lives of animals, even if they are not your pets.

Encourage and educate others who are having pet problems to follow our tips before tethering their dog. Inform them of the negative consequences and dangerous risks of chaining a dog.

If tethering a dog seems to be the only way, advise the owner to surrender the pet to a no-kill shelter. An owner who is willing to work with their dog and has the resources to train it might save the dog's life. Sometimes, surrendering a dog to an animal shelter might be the best option.

If you witness a neighbor's dog being tethered longer than three hours, **REPORT IT!** Call your local animal control so they can investigate and help the animal.

STOP!

ANIMAL ABUSE & NEGLECT

Coachella Valley residents, report animal abuse or neglect to **Coachella Valley Animal Campus** (animal control) without having to give any personal information.

760.343.3644

Help those without a voice.



Animal Samaritans

Veterinary Clinics

72120 Pet Land Place
Thousand Palms, CA 92276
760.343.3477

42150 Jackson Street
Suite B106
Indio, CA 92203
760.343.3477

No-Kill Animal Shelter/Adoption Center

72307 Ramon Road
Thousand Palms, CA 92276
760.601.3918

www.animalsamaritans.org

"A chained dog is a choked soul."

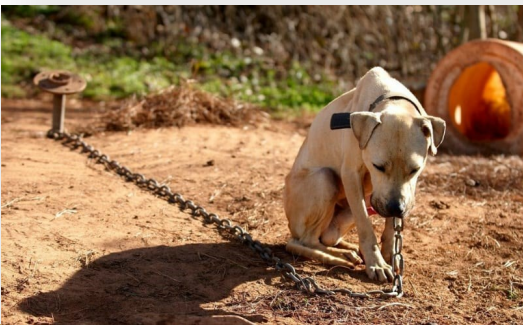
Tethering a dog is a bad idea.

Unfortunately, there are dog owners still chaining their dogs, believing this is the only way to prevent them from running away, or to have them serve as guard dogs. Tethering is not a tool for training and does not work as punishment for a bad behavior.

Tethering a dog is inhumane and

unsafe. Tethered dogs are stressed and bored, and are often left in the same spot on or near their own waste. Chained dogs will chew on anything reachable to them, including biting people.

As pack animals, dogs are social beings, constantly craving interaction with people and other animals. Due to this, chained dogs suffer psychological damage to the point of becoming neurotic, anxious, aggressive, and destructive. It is important to remember that dogs have an instinct of **fight-or-flight**. When threatened, unable to flight, these dogs will bite.



Tethered dogs entangle themselves with their chain causing serious injuries, even death.



Chained dogs are at high risk of injuring themselves. Many suffer from having an embedded collar/chain on the neck. When a chain becomes entangled, there is a high risk of it causing the collar to also tighten up therefore, cutting into the dog's skin. Once embedded into the skin, there is a high possibility of infection. In many cases, the collar must be removed surgically. **This is animal neglect and it should be reported.** Speak up before it is too late for the dog.

Tethered dogs also run the risk of entangling other body parts, cutting blood circulation. Many rescued dogs from backyards come to emergency hospitals with a raw and infected leg or tail, that requires amputation.

In severe cases, entangled chains have caused tethered dogs to choke to death. **This is preventable, do not chain your dog!**

Tethering Dogs is Cruel

It is common for chained dogs to accidentally tip over their food and water bowls, leaving them without a meal and dehydrated. Many owners of chained dogs blame the dogs for the incident and punish them with no more food or water for the rest of the day.

Tethered dogs are often found emaciated and endure harsh weather conditions, with very little to no shelter. These dogs are in high risk of dying alone, chained up in their own backyards. **That is no life for man's best friend.**

Did you know?

California has a strict anti-tethering law. The law states that , "no person shall tether, fasten, chain, tie, or restrain a dog, or cause a dog to be tethered, fastened, chained, tied, or restrained, to a dog house, tree, fence, or any other stationary object."

