



BE HUMANE AND DON'T RESTRAIN!

It is illegal to tether, fasten, chain, tie or restrain a dog to a dog house, tree, fence, or other stationary object.*

The Anti-Chaining (Tethering Prohibition) Bill (SB 1578), sponsored by the California Animal Association went into effect January 1, 2007.

**An exception would be to tether, fasten, chain, or tie a dog no longer than is necessary for the person to complete a temporary task that requires the dog to be restrained for a reasonable period. A "reasonable period" means a period of time not to exceed three hours in a 24-hour period, or a time that is otherwise approved by Animal Control.*

This law states a dog can be attached to a running line, cable, pulley, or trolley system that allows the dog free movement. However, a dog cannot be attached to the running line, cable, pulley, or trolley system by means of a choke collar or pinch collar.

It is important for public safety and the dog's welfare that a dog be properly and humanely restrained when restraint is required.

➤ Animal Control officers will issue warnings to residents not complying with the anti-chaining law. Persons not correcting the situation are subject to an additional citation and can be fined up to \$250 for each dog not properly tethered.

If you have questions about this restraining law, or want to report a violation, please contact the **Chowchilla Police Department at (559) 665-8600.**