

that choice. Eating, sleeping, defecating and urinating in the same confined area is unhealthy. The smell of feces draws flies and other insects, who will also torment the dog. After many years of chaining, many dogs lose portions of their ears to fly bites. The unhealthy conditions also lead to internal parasites, which are difficult to control because the dog is in constant contact with his or her own fecal matter.



Could you imagine having to eat, drink and sleep in your bathroom?

I have to keep my dog outside because...

Perhaps your dog was put outside because of behavioral problems or not being housebroken. This can be corrected with patience, perseverance and a little hard work. Write to APLNJ for our list of trainers and behaviorists as well as house training tips. If your dog is outside because nobody is home to go on walks, consider asking a

trusted neighbor or friend to help.

If there are times you must, or would like to, have your dog outside, fencing the yard in will allow greater movement and freedom. If fencing is not available, an overhead cable pulley system, available at most supply stores, will allow your dog more movement than chaining. Additionally, APLNJ recommends a harness as opposed to a collar for your dog's safety and comfort. If your dog is to be kept outside for any length of time, proper food, water and shelter must be provided. If you decide that you cannot provide the best living situation for your dog, consider adopting him or her into a more suitable home.

Dogs left to linger on chains suffer every minute of every day. Constant confinement destroys both body and mind, slowly driving social, playful animals to desperation. Please take the steps necessary to prevent this from happening so that you can enjoy your best friend to the fullest.

"No dog should be kept tied outside for long periods. It's no place for a social animal like a dog. Bored and lonely dogs bark, dig, whine, pace, and become aggressive when tied because they are miserable and have nothing better to do. They are also at the mercy of other dogs, children, or adults. Bring the dog into your home, train him and make him a member of your family or give him to someone who will. Animals are not toys to be picked up and put down at will. They are living, breathing beings who need your constant interaction to be happy, healthy, and sane."

-Brian Kilcommons, consultant to Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine, official trainer for PBS series "The Gentle Doctor: Veterinary Medicine," former behavior and training coordinator for the ASPCA and author

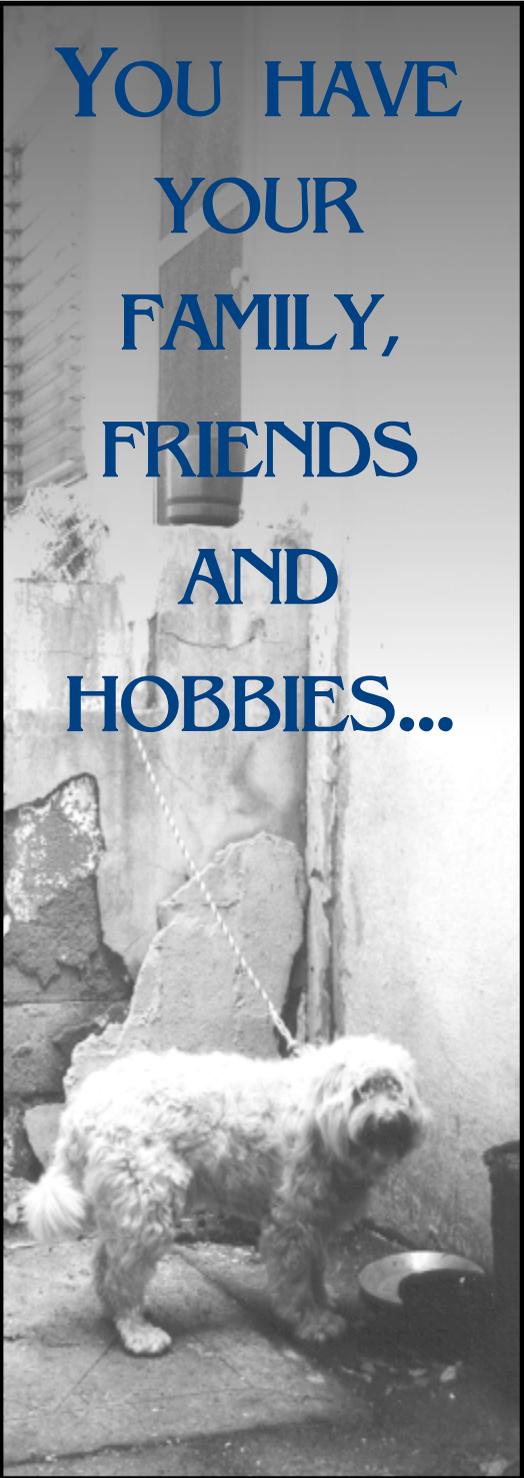
Make A Positive Change

After reading this brochure, we hope you have learned more about the physical and emotional needs of dogs and the responsibility that comes with bringing a dog into your life. Dogs enrich our lives in many ways and we owe it to them to be as aware of their needs as possible. By doing so, we can fully experience the joy and wonder of these beautiful and loyal animals. Not only will your dog's life be enhanced, but you and your family will benefit as well.



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...ALL I HAVE IS YOU

We all love the animals we live with. But sometimes, without realizing it, we are not giving them the care they need to be happy and healthy. The most common situation is dogs left chained outside day and night.

Can you imagine going through an entire day, chained in one place, with nobody to keep you company? The seconds would surely tick by slowly. For countless dogs, this is not just one day, but a lifetime spent alone, at the end of a chain.

Doesn't my dog like being outside?

While most dogs certainly enjoy being outside to play or go for walks, being chained all day is not in the best interest of your dog. Dogs are social animals, naturally living in packs. In a domesticated setting, their human family replaces the pack. Being constantly chained and separated from their "pack" causes them to become timid, anxious, neurotic, or hyperactive. In fact, dogs chained for years are known to grind their teeth down until their gums bleed. Chained dogs, alone, with no mental stimulation or companion-

ship, will bark incessantly as a desperate cry for attention.

The lack of interaction and the vulnerability of being restrained, in many cases, creates vicious dogs—overly territorial and aggressive. Adults, children, or other animals who unknowingly wander into their area may be attacked. If the dog becomes loose, they are more prone to bite someone. Nearly one-third of the fatal dog bites recorded in the United States by the Humane Society of the U.S. are known to have been inflicted by chained dogs.

So, do you think being chained and alone is the best possible life for your dog?

What if I take good care of my dog?

When dogs are kept chained outside all day the problems they experience often go unseen. A lack of constant interaction may allow medical problems to go unnoticed. Chains can tangle, leaving a dog trapped. Chains also knock over water bowls, leaving your dog with nothing to drink. If you are not there to notice these problems,

"Dogs who spend their lives on chains do not have adequate freedom of movement. They often exhibit psychological behaviors caused by stress. Stress is proven to be detrimental to an animal's health. It is cruelty to keep an animal under these conditions."

-Jan Marks, Chief of Animal Control, Prince George's County, Maryland

"Our experience in enforcing the Animal Welfare Act has led us to conclude the continuous confinement of dogs by a tether is inhumane. A tether significantly restricts a 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."

-United States Department of Agriculture, Federal Register, July 2, 1997

they may go on for a long period of time. Daily practices, such as feeding and giving water, become easier to forget as the dog becomes "out of sight, out of mind."

Dogs restrained in one place often lack shelter from the elements. Many dogs have died from not having access to water or shade on hot days, or a warm shelter on cold days.

Do you think that your dog's physical and emotional needs are met?

Isn't the backyard a safe place for my dog?

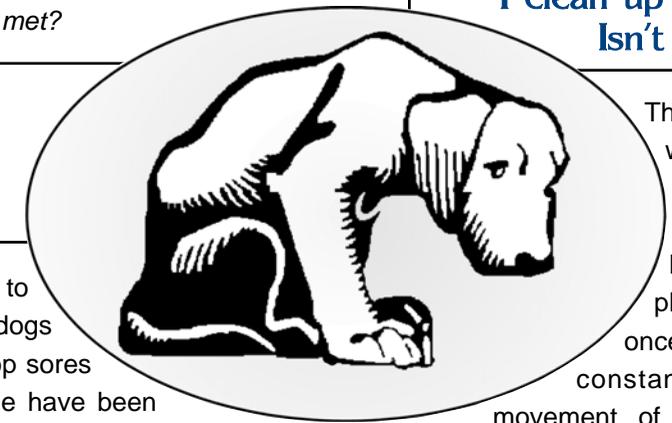
By constantly trying to pull away, many dogs are injured or develop sores on their necks. Some have been known to actually hang themselves to death when trying to jump over a fence or other structure.

If another animal enters the area, a chained dog will have no means of escape. Chained dogs may be victims of cruel teasing and attacks by people passing by,

and have rocks, sticks, or other objects thrown at them. People who steal animals for experiments in laboratories see a chained dog as an easy target. They are also stolen to be used in organized dog-fighting rings.

How would you feel if your dog ended up in a laboratory, as a subject of cruel experiments?

I clean up after my dog. Isn't that enough?



The small areas in which chained dogs live every minute of their lives often become far from pleasant. Where there once was grass, the constant presence and movement of the dog beats the ground into a circle of dirt or mud. Even if animal waste is regularly removed, the smell will remain in the area.

Dogs are naturally den animals. In the wild, they would find a suitable shelter, and defecate and urinate away from that shelter. When chained, they do not have