



DOGS Need Exercise
Companionship

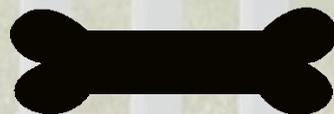
Housetraining

Bring your dog out every two hours, right after waking up, after meals, before bed. It won't be forever, just until you get them into good habits. Normally housetraining takes just a few weeks or even less if **you** are consistent and pay close attention to your dog.

Remember, "out of sight" likely means "in trouble". Try tethering your dog to you with a 6ft leash even when indoors while they are in these first few weeks of training. If they do have an accident clean it up immediately and use an enzyme cleaner (available at pet and farm stores) to remove all odor so they don't remark.

Never turn your back on a dog in potty training mode. If you do, and they go, you may lightly pop yourself on the head with a newspaper and try to remember better next time. Tether, crate or watch at all times and praise and treat like they just invented the wheel when they go in the appropriate place. Be positive and they won't sneak away to do their business but instead look forward to going outside with you.

CHAINING LAWS & EDUCATION Montgomery Co., Tennessee



We know you need to keep your dog safe and secure. Let us help!

For more information, please contact
Montgomery County Animal Control and
Adoption Service 931-648-5750

www.montgomerycountyttn.org/county/animal_control

Mental stimulation
food
Clean water
Shelter
Regular vet checkups
Heartworm, Flea & tick prevention
Training
Lots of attention and AFFECTION

Alternatives to chaining

Dogs are pack animals that need DAILY exercise and companionship. You can't inflict a worse punishment on a dog than to keep him constantly chained and alone. Montgomery Co. law states that stationary chaining for longer than an hour is no longer an option.

Here are some alternatives:

- **Bring Your Dog Indoors!** Behavioral issues can be fixed with attention, patience and knowledge. An inside dog is the best guard dog. Great tips for housetraining your dog are in this brochure. More information is available through your vet, the local library, the Clarksville Humane Society www.clarksvillehumanesociety.org or the websites listed along the top and opposite side of this brochure.
- **Fence Your Backyard and Escape-Proof Your Fence.** See "Keeping Your Dog Inside Your Fence" in this brochure.
- **Use a Trolley or 360 Swivel System.** Installation details found in this brochure.



The Low Down on The Law

1. **Montgomery Co. law makes it illegal to chain your dog for more than one hour to a stationary object.**
2. Dogs may be restrained by a cable attached to a cable run. These trolley kits are available at local discount stores (Bill's Wholesale, K-mart, Wal-Mart)
3. Only one dog per cable.
4. The cable must be attached to a properly fitting collar. No choke or pinch collars allowed. Body harnesses are the safest choice.
5. The cable run must be at least 20 feet long and mounted 4-7 feet off the ground. (see reverse for image)
6. The trolley must keep the dog on your property yet not allow your dog to jump a fence or get tangled in other objects.

In temperatures in excess of 75 degrees, all domestic dogs must be afforded, in addition to the shelter structure, one or more separate outside areas of shade large enough to contain all of the domestic dogs at one time and protect them from the direct rays of the sun. (13-8-1)



According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - Chained dogs are 5 times more likely to bite children, 3 times more likely to bite adults. ...Nicholas Dodman, Ph.D. in vet med/Tufts University - "chaining dogs makes them more aggressive. They are natural social animals and it induces 'isolation-induced aggression' and creates a 'junkyard' dog effect. They basically go mad." ...Humane Society of the United States - Dogs kept continuously outdoors, chained or penned, will suffer from the same boredom, loneliness and isolation leading to aggressive behavior.... "We regard the emotional suffering of isolating dogs on chains and in pens to be as cruel as any physical abuse a dog could endure," said Dr. McMillan, who is the author of "Mental Health and Well-Being in Animals."

The Basics:

- Housetrain your dog. The very best place for your dog is inside with your family. See opposite side for tips to make your dog a true part of the family.

- All dogs need shelter from both cold and hot weather. Doghouses and surrounding areas should be cleaned regularly to minimize injuries, disease and insects and parasites.

- In cold weather fill doghouses with cedar shavings, in summer provide shade with a tree or a tarp and use a water filled baby pool to keep your dog cool. Change water regularly to avoid mosquitoes that cause heartworms. Fleas and ticks make your dog's life miserable so use flea and tick treatment like Frontline/ Advantage every month along with heartworm preventative.

- Spay or Neuter Your Dog : This will stop your dog from marking, lower his risk of cancer, decrease aggression and make him less likely to run away. Contact the Clarksville Humane Society for low-cost spay/neuter options (931) 648-8042.

- If you can't build a fence yet, don't put your dog in a tiny pen. That's equivalent to you standing in a closet. 

- Your pen must be at least 100 square feet. That will keep him temporarily comfortable until that fence is ready. A tarp should be placed to partially top the pen to protect from the sun. 

- As with any confinement method, your dog should be taken out of the enclosure and walked at least 30 minutes everyday.

Keeping Your Dog INSIDE Your Fence

Many people have fences but have to tether because they have escape artists. Dogs generally escape for 3 reasons: 1. Lack of exercise (bored), 2. Lack of interaction (lonely), 3. Loud noises (scared). Walking with your dog 30-60 minutes a day will lessen their urge to escape. If pulling is an issue try a specialized collar like a Halti or Gentle Leader...available at pet stores

To reinforce your fence try these options:

- TSC, Lowes and Home Depot sell an electric fence wire designed especially for dogs that connects to the top and bottom of your existing fence running a dog safe level of electric current stopping diggers and climbers in their tracks. They will only need to touch the wire once or twice before giving the fence a wide berth.
- Stop diggers by lining the bottom of the fence with cement block or heavy wire.
- Latch-Lifting: Place a clip, old leash clip, or lock through the hole on the latch.
- Jumping/climbing fence: Remove objects near fence that they are using as aids.
- For climbers: www.coyoteroller.com rollers that are installed on the top of fencing to prevent dog from gripping top of the fence.
- Ask a neighbor to walk your dog mid-day or have your dog stay with a friend while at work.



For all the restraining methods below please note: By law your dog's area must be free of debris and entanglements. They must have fresh water, shelter and access to shade **AT ALL TIMES**. To keep dogs safe they must be kept on your property at all times and not be able to jump fences or entangle themselves in other objects. With all chaining options a swivel top ring must be installed to allow 360 degrees of movement.

To Run A Trolley:

The easiest way is to run the trolley between two trees. If you don't have two trees, you can easily sink posts into the ground and run the trolley between the posts. Or you can use a tree and one post.

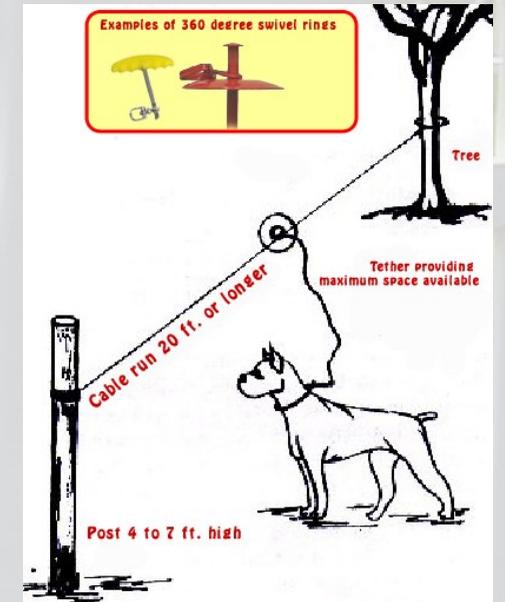
Important! Put the trolley in a place where your dog won't get tangled up or be able to jump a fence. If your dog jumps over a fence on his leash, he could be hung.

The trolley kit should include "stoppers" you can put anywhere on the line to stop the trolley. If you want the dog to stop four feet from one end of the line, put a stopper four feet from the end of the line.

You can buy extra stoppers at home improvement stores. Ask for rope clamps. Pick the size that works best for the size of your line. If the clamp is too big, it will slide around.

Note on Strong Breed Dogs:

A post may be installed set in concrete for large dogs. A metal ring that swivels 360 degrees on a pole may then be used with a cable.



Another Option:

A corkscrew type or in ground stake with swivel top ring and a 20 ft. cable run. The cable run must not exceed 1/8 of your dog's body weight.



No dog should be confined within an area where bare earth is prevalent and no steps have been taken to prevent the area from becoming wet and muddy. Provide a raised area with a platform or put down clean hay/straw regularly to provide a barrier between your dog and mud/water.



Any dog restrained or confined 24 hours a day, 7 days a week is required to have 30 minutes of active exercise spent off restraint by means of leash walking or active play in an enclosure appropriate to your dog's size and age. Bring your dog for a walk, go to a local dog park or play fetch or Frisbee with your pet daily for a happy, non-frustrated pet. IT IS THE LAW.