

Dayton Tethering Law

Sec. 91.62. - Confinement of dogs.

SHARE LINK TO SECTIONPRINT SECTIONDOWNLOAD (DOCX) OF SECTIONEMAIL SECTIONCOMPARE VERSIONS(A) Except as otherwise limited by § 91.50, dogs may be considered to be secure on the premises of the owner if they are enclosed or tethered on the property of such owner.

(B) Chaining or tethering. Dogs may be restrained by means of a trolley system or a tether attached to a pulley on a cable run or to a fixed point, if the following conditions are met:

(1) Only one dog may be tethered to each cable run or stationary point.

(2) The tether must be attached to a properly fitting collar or harness worn by the dog, with enough room between the collar and the dog's throat through which two adult human fingers may fit. Choke collars, prong collars and pinch collars are prohibited for purposes of tethering a dog.

(3) The chain or tether must have swivels on both ends.

(4) The tether or chain or cable run must be of adequate size and strength to effectively restrain the dog. However, the chain or tether shall weigh no more than one-eighth of the dog's weight.

(5) The chain or tether must be at least 15 feet in length. If not attached to a fixed point, the chain or tether must be attached to a pulley or trolley mounted on a cable which is also at least 15 feet in length and mounted no more than seven feet above the ground.

(6) The dog shall be tethered at a distance from any other objects (a) to tangling of the chain or tether, (b) to prevent extending the chain or over an object or an that could result in strangulation, and (c) to prohibit the dog access to any fence.

(7) The dog shall have continuous access to water and shelter.

(8) No dog shall be chained or tethered to a stationary point for more than two consecutive hours in a 12-hour period.

(9) No dog shall be chained or tethered for more than 12 consecutive hours a 24-hour period.

(C) Enclosures. Any dog enclosed in a pen or a fenced yard must have adequate space for exercise based on a dimension of at least 150 square feet per dog. The fence or enclosure shall be of sufficient height to prevent the dog from escaping from the enclosed area. If the enclosed area has a cover, such cover must be at least two feet above the height of the dog standing on its hind legs. Dogs in an enclosed area must have continuous access to water and shelter.

(D) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit owners or others from walking dogs with a hand held leash.

(E) Any person who violates division (B) or (C) of this section shall be guilty of a minor misdemeanor.

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