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505.072 TETHERING ANIMALS.

(a) "Tethering" means a rope, chain, cord, dog run or pulley, or similar restraint for holding an animal in place, allowing a radius in which it can move about.

(b) The tethered animal shall be:

(1) Provided a house or shelter that will provide shade, protection from snow, rain, or other inclement weather.

(2) Provided adequate water and food on a daily basis. Water shall be provided on an "as needed" basis.

(3) Attached by a tether that is a minimum of twenty feet (20') in length.

(4) Provided access to a surface of grass, properly drained, with enough area to permit the animal to freely move about without risk of entanglement or to cause injury.

(c) The tethered animal shall not:

(1) Be allowed to continuously bark or make other noise that can be heard on the surrounding property.

(2) Enter the property of another.

(3) Have a tether attached with a prong type, pinch type, or choke type collar, or a collar that will cause injury to the animal.

(d) No animal will be tethered if a law enforcement officer requests that the tether not be used as a result of this section.

(e) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on the first offense, a misdemeanor of the fourth degree on the second offense, and a misdemeanor of the first degree on the third or any subsequent offense. Notwithstanding the foregoing penalties, if an animal becomes sick or injured as a result of a violation of this section, then whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.

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