

618.021 TETHERING ANIMALS - Lyndhurst

(a) No person shall tether an animal in any of the following circumstances:

(1) For more than 6 hours total in a 24-hour period and not more than 2 consecutive hours with no less than a one-half hour period between tetherings;

(2) If a severe weather warning has been issued by a local or state authority or the National Weather Service;

(3) If the tether is less than 10 feet in length;

(4) If the tether allows the animal to touch the fence or cross the property line or cross onto public property;

(5) If the tether is attached by means of a pinch-type, prong type, or choke-type collar or if the collar is unsafe or is not properly fitted;

(6) If the tether may cause injury or entanglement;

(7) If the animal is not provided with its needs as identified in Section 618.05;

(8) If the tether is made of a material that is unsuitable for the animal's size and weight or that causes any unnecessary discomfort to the animal; or

(9) If no owner or occupant is present at the premises.

(b) As used in this section, "tether" 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.

(c) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree on the first offense, a misdemeanor of the third degree on the second offense, and a misdemeanor of the second 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.