



Dear Pet Owner:

You may not be aware of the New Law that was passed by the State of Texas concerning the tethering of animals. H.B. No. 1411. This New Law states that an owner may not leave a dog outside and unattended by use of a restraint that unreasonably limits the dog's movement:

- Between the hours of 10pm and 6am;
- For more than three hours in a 24-hour period;
- Within 500 feet of the premises of a school;
- Or in the case of extreme weather conditions, including conditions in which:

- The actual or effective outdoor temperature is below 32 degrees Fahrenheit;
- A heat advisory has been issued by a local or state authority or jurisdiction; or
- The National Weather Service has issued a hurricane, tropical storm, or tornado warning for the jurisdiction.

A pinch-type collar, prong-type collar, or choke-type collar or a collar that is not properly fitted to the dog cannot restrain a dog unreasonably

The chain cannot be shorter than five times the length of the dog, as measured from the tip of the dog's nose to the base of the dog's tail; or 10 feet; is in an unsafe condition or causes harm to the dog.

A dog can be on a running line, pulley or trolley system and that is not restrained to the running line, pulley or trolley system by means of the collars mentioned above.

If the above mentioned is not met, then a warning will be given by an Animal Control Officer, followed by a Citation; also issued by an Animal Control Officer.

If you have any questions please call the Waco Police Dept. at 750-7500 and ask to speak to an Animal Control Officer.