
Sec. 5-7.2. Restraint.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any owner or possessor of any dog to fail to keep the dog under restraint or control as provided for in this section.
- (b) A dog is considered not under restraint or control when it is running at large, whether wearing a collar and tag or not. Reasonable care and precautions shall be taken to prevent the dog from leaving the real property limits of its owner, possessor, or custodian, and to ensure that:
- (1) It is securely and humanely enclosed within a house, building, fence, pen, or other enclosure out of which it cannot climb, dig, jump, or otherwise escape on its own volition. If a canine pulley system is being used, the animal must stay within the owner's property line and not have the ability to get caught up or hung due to the location of other tangible materials that could hinder the animal(s) from freely moving within the confines of the system;
 - (2) It is securely and humanely restrained by an invisible containment system. If using an invisible containment system, a sign must be posted on all entry points or identified entry points of the property indicating that the system is in place;
 - (3) It is housed on a lot zoned R-5 or R-10 of at least five acres in size and remains within the confines of its owners property in accordance with the provisions of 5-10(a); or
 - (4) It is on a leash and under the control of its owner or caregiver, or it is off leash and obedient to and under voice command of an owner or caregiver who is in the immediate proximity of the dog any time it is not restrained as provided for in subsection (1) or (2) above while on the owner's property.
- (c) It shall be unlawful to tether an animal outdoors, except when all of the following conditions are met:
- (1) No animal shall be tethered and left unattended for more than ~~124~~ consecutive hours in a 24-hour period. However, for up to the ~~124~~-hour maximum an animal may be on an approved tethering system as outlined in this section provided that the owner or caregiver must monitor the animal at least once each hour either through personal observation or by means of a video camera ;
 - (2) No animal shall be tethered except on a three-point pulley system;
 - (3) Only one animal may be attached to each tethering system;
 - (4) Any tethering device used to tether an animal shall not allow the animal to cross over the owner's property line;
 - (5) Tethers must be made of commercial approved leash or tethering material which cannot be chewed by the animal and together with all items that have their weight borne by the dog, shall not weigh more than five percent of the body weight of the animal; ropes and chains are not considered appropriate tethering material;
 - (6) The tether must be at least five times the body length of the dog and mounted no more than seven feet above the ground level;
 - (7) The length of the tether from the running cable line or pulley system to the animal's harness should allow access to the maximum available exercise area and allow the animal free access to food, water, and shelter;
 - (8) The animal must be attached to the tether by a properly fitted harness or collar with enough room between the collar and the animal's throat through which two fingers may fit. Choke collars and pinch collars are prohibited for the purpose of tethering an animal;

(9) The tethering system must be a sufficient distance from any other objects or animals to prohibit the tangling of the cable, to prohibit the cable from extending over an object or an edge that could result in injury or strangulation of the animal and be of sufficient distance from any fence so as to prohibit the animal from having access to the fence;

(10) The dog shall be tethered in a location that allows access to drinking water at all times.

(11) The animal is not tethered outside during periods of local extreme weather which shall include but not be limited to an excessive heat warnings issued by the National Weather Service, temperatures at or below 32 degrees Fahrenheit (0 degrees Celsius), thunderstorms, tornados, tropical storms, or hurricanes;

(12) The animal is at least six months of age;

(13) The animal is not sick or injured;

(14) The tethering system may not restrict the dog's range of movement to less than ten (10) feet, after taking into consideration the length of the tether, the height at which the tether is attached to a thing, any tangling, wrapping, or other shortening of the useful length of the tether, any obstacles, and any other circumstances reducing the animal's range of movement.

(15) The dog shall not be tethered in a way that the tether can become tangled or that the dog can reach an object (including, but not limited to, a railing or fence) or edge that could result in injury to the dog, whether or not such injury in fact occurs; and

(16) Animals transported in the rear of open vehicles shall be placed in a crate appropriate to the animal's weight on a tether which crate shall be anchored securely and of appropriate length to prevent the animal from jumping off or to prevent it from being thrown from a the vehicle.