

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS

There is a new dog tethering law in the City of Pocatello

The Pocatello Animal Services Department for the City of Pocatello would like to inform dog owners that the City of Pocatello has enacted an ordinance restricting the “tethering” of dogs. **The new ordinance took effect June 23rd, 2010.** Violations of the ordinance are misdemeanors.

6.04.120 Proper Care of Animals:

- F. It shall be unlawful for the owner/guardian of any animal to keep or maintain any animal on a fixed point tether or chain for a period of more than three (3) continuous hours and no more than six (6) hours combined in any twenty-four (24) hour period.
1. The chain or tether must be at least ten feet (10') in length and placed in an area to prevent the animal from becoming tangled with any item or other animal in its surrounding area or able to leave its property. The chain or tether must be situated where it prevents the animal from reaching a fence or sidewalk.
 2. No chain or tether shall weigh more than one-eighth of the animal's body weight.
 3. Any chain or tether must have swivels on both ends and be attached to a properly fitted buckle-type collar or harness worn by the animal. Choke chains or pinch collars are prohibited for purposes of tethering an animal.
 4. Any female animal in estrus (heat) must not be chained or tethered at any time.
 5. Exception: An animal may be restrained by a chain or tether up to eight (8) hours, provided the chain or tether is at least ten feet (10') in length attached to a pulley or trolley mounted on a cable which is also at least ten feet (10') in length, and mounted no more than seven feet (7') above ground. (see below diagram)
 6. Regardless of the above provisions, no animal that has been convicted of being a dangerous animal, regardless of the form of the judgment, may be chained or tethered outside and left alone for any amount of time without an adult present and the animal muzzled.

