## 13 Ways to Make Your Dog Happy!

- 1. Bring your dog inside! He will be so happy and you will have a new, true friend.
- 2. Add a fence. Fences give freedom and make it easy for you approach your dog, since he won't be jumping on a chain. Ask fencing companies for leftovers or post to social media asking for help with labor or supplies. See <a href="unchainvourdog.org">unchainvourdog.org</a> for more.

- 3. If your dog can escape your fence:
  - Extend height by attaching mesh fencing to top of existing fence.
  - Attach bamboo fencing, which comes in 6-foot rolls, to existing fence. It's hard to climb.
  - Install a "hot wire" to the top of your fence. You can get one at farm supply or hardware stores.
  - To stop diggers, bury chicken wire under the fence or put concrete blocks around it. You can dig a trough under the fence and fill it with concrete (along the whole fence or in "trouble spots").
- **4. Spaying and neutering will help your dog calm down**. Sterilization will NOT change your dog's personality but provides health benefits. Contact your humane society or **SpayUSA.org** at 1-800-248-7729
- **5.** Replace tight old collars with a new nylon one. You should be able to fit two fingers between the dog's neck and collar. If you need to add a hole, hammer a thick nail through the collar.
- **6. Provide food and fresh water every day.** Put a bowl hole in the ground to keep it from tipping. Attach a bucket to a doghouse or fence with a bungee cord. Farm supply stores sell large rubber livestock bowls that are hard to tip.



Rubber livestock bowl won't tip

- 7. Provide good shelter in winter.
  - Dogs get cold like we do. If you can't bring your dog in, fill doghouses with hay or cedar.
  - To keep cold air out, cover the door with a plastic flap, car mat, piece of carpet, or towel, or blanket.
  - Doghouses should be large enough for your dog to stand up and turn around, but small enough to trap body heat.
  - Wooden doghouses should be raised a few inches to keep out water. You can place it on concrete blocks.
- 8. Give toys and rawhides. A big rawhide from the grocery or even knotted towel or ball provides fun!



- **9. Go on walks!** Your dog will be so happy to get of the yard, and it's great exercise for you! Leash training will take some time, but is so worth it! Harnesses that hook in front are great for large, strong dogs.
- **10. Go to school.** Obedience classes at pet stores can help your dog learn to be a good "inside" dog.
- **11. Protect from fleas, ticks, and worms.** Biting insets make life miserable. Farm supply stores sell supplies cheaply. Heartworms could kill your dog get preventative at the vet or online (<a href="mailto:pets-megastore.com.au">pets-megastore.com.au</a> doesn't require a prescription).
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- **12. Provide shade and a kiddie pool in summer.** Doghouses get hot in summer! Plant trees or create shade by stretching a tarp. Dogs enjoy cooling off in a baby pool, too!
- **13. Consider finding a new home** for your dog if you can't meet his needs. Talk to your humane society, put an ad in the paper, post to social media, or ask friends and family. If you can't provide for your dog, finding him a new home is the kindest thing you can do.



## The proposed tether ordinance

(Red text indicates regulations that are not included in the current ordinance)

- The proposed ordinance will allow tethering for a reasonable period not exceeding 12 hours in a 24 hour period. This decreases tethering
- $\gg$  The tether must be attached to the animal with a swivel hook and entanglement with other objects or animals. configured to protect the animal from injury and prevent
- $\gg$  The tether location must not allow the animal to extend over a fence strangulation of or injury to the animal. or other object or edge in such a manner that could result in the
- $\gg$  While tethered the animal must have access to proper shelter, sufficient food and sufficient water.