

California Health & Safety Code § 122335
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The new California Health and Safety Code § 122335 makes it illegal for a person to;

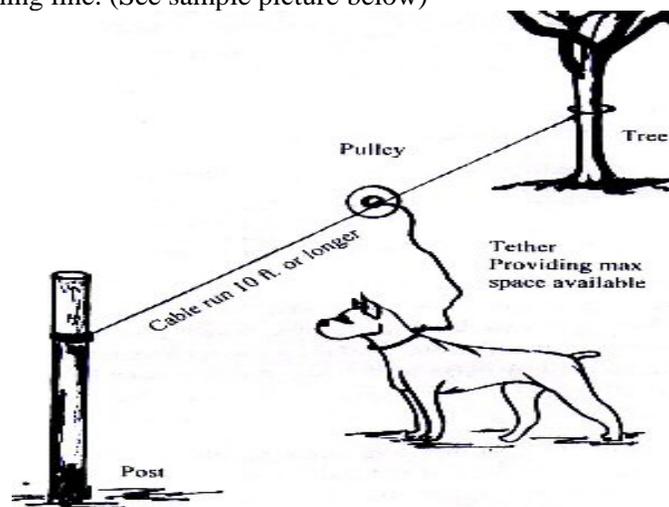
"Tether, fasten, chain, tie, or restrain a dog ... to a doghouse, tree, fence, or any other stationary object." for a period of more than 3 hours within a 24 hour period.

The law also contains a number of exceptions to this general prohibition on tethering.

- It does not prohibit a dog from being attached to a "running line, pulley, or trolley system," as long as the dog is not connected to the system by a choke or pinch collar.
- Nor does the law prohibit the tethering of a dog in a campground or recreational area if required by the rules of the campground or recreational area.
- Also, the law allows a person to tether a dog for a reasonable amount of time, not to exceed 3 hours in a 24-hour period, in order to complete a temporary task, and to tether a dog in connection with an activity conducted pursuant to a license issued by the State of California.
- Finally, the law permits a person to tether a dog while engaged in an activity directly related to shepherding, herding livestock, or cultivating agricultural products.

Here are some suggestions on how you can keep your dog confined without violating this new law:

1. Put fencing up that your dog cannot get under or over.
2. Keep your dog confined to a kennel or garage.
3. Use a trolley system or running line. (See sample picture below)



- ✓ Remember when using a trolley system not to place it too close to a fence that the dog can jump over and get hung on.
- ✓ Keep water and shelter available at all times.
- ✓ Keep the dogs running area free of items that it can become entangled in.
- ✓ Do not tether the dog to the trolley system by means of a choke chain or pinch collar. Instead use a sturdy leather, canvas or nylon collar or harness.

A person who violates this chapter is guilty of an infraction or misdemeanor. An infraction is punishable upon conviction by a fine of up to \$250 per dog. A misdemeanor is punishable upon conviction by a fine of up to \$1000 per dog and up to 6 months imprisonment.