

## Tethering of Dogs

### Position:

The Edmonton Humane Society does not support inhumane tethering of dogs, which is the practice of fastening a dog to a stationary object or stake for prolonged periods of time.

### Rationale

- A tether significantly restricts a dog's movement. A tether can also become tangled or hooked on the dog's shelter structure or other objects, further restricting the dog's movement and potentially causing injury.
- Tethering, chaining or otherwise leaving a dog outside for an extended period of time without supervision deprives him or her of companionship, care, exercise, and attention.
- Tethering may also lead to behaviour problems (including aggression).

### References

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