

CITY OF WICHITA - DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
ANIMAL CONTROL • 1900 EAST NINTH, WICHITA, KANSAS 67214 • 268-8473 • 268-8456 (Fax)

CHAINING NOTICE

TO _____
ADDRESS _____
DESCRIPTION OF ANIMAL(S) _____

The Code of the City of Wichita pertaining to Animal Control and Protection prohibits exclusively chaining a dog (6.04.040). An officer of this department has witnessed a dog(s) at this address in potential violation of one or more provisions of this ordinance. This notice is a guide to be used in making the needed improvements or corrections as listed below. **SEE ITEMS CHECKED.**

IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO:

- ☐ Continuously chain a dog(s) for more than one continuous hour, except that chaining of the same dog(s) may resume after an interval of three continuous hours, for up to three hours total time on chain per day.
- ☐ Chain a dog(s) on a chain, leash, rope, or tether less than 10 feet in length.
- ☐ Chain a dog(s) with a chain, leash, rope, collaring device, tether, or any assembly or attachment that is more than 1/8 of the dog's body weight, or due to weight, inhibit the free movement of the dog(s) within the area chained.
- ☐ Chain a dog(s) in such a manner as to injure, strangle, or entangle on fences, trees, or other man made or natural obstacles.
- ☐ Attach chain or other tether restraint implements directly to a dog(s) without the proper use of a collar, harness, or other device designed for that purpose and made from a material that prevents injury to the dog(s).
- ☐ _____

**TO AVOID POSSIBLE LEGAL ACTION PLEASE MAKE APPROPRIATE CORRECTIONS TO THE
ITEMS INDICATED AND FIND AN ALTERNATE METHOD OF RESTRAINING YOUR DOG.**

DATE _____ **TIME** _____ **OFFICER** _____

WHY WAS THIS LAW CREATED?

Most people that keep dogs on chains do not realize the bad behavior created. Exclusively chaining a dog causes aggressive behavior and makes it a danger to society. The dog learns that it cannot run away if it feels threatened, so it becomes aggressive to frighten danger away. It has been proven that an owner of a tethered dog or a member of the owner's family is three times more likely to be bitten if it is kept exclusively chained? Also, the dog may bark constantly disturbing neighbors.

In addition to public safety concerns there are also concerns about the quality of life for a dog that must live at the end of a chain. Dogs are social animals and want to be part of the family. They want to interact with owners. Also, chains often get tangled causing injury or strangulation or prevent a dog from reaching its shelter or food and water.

For safe, humane and convenient alternatives to chaining contact Animal Control at 268-8473.