



Responsibilities of Dog Owners in Detroit

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR DOG OWNERS

LICENSING

- All dogs in the City of Detroit must be licensed as required by City ordinance. A license is proof that the dog has received its rabies vaccination. Rabies vaccinations have to be given by a veterinarian. Dog owners can get their rabies vaccination and dog license on the same day at Detroit Animal Care & Control, 7401 Chrysler Drive, Detroit, MI 48211, Monday thru Saturday, 10:30am – 3:30pm. Please call ahead at 313.224.6356.

TETHERING/CHAINING

- No dog can be tied outside longer than 3 hours in a 24 hour period. Dogs should be brought inside the house at night.
- Only coated steel cables are allowed to tie a dog outside. Chains are **not** allowed and should not be used.
- The cable tie out must be at least 3 times the length of the dog's body from tip of nose to base of tail. If from the tip of nose to the base of tail is 2 feet, then the cable tie out should be at least 6 feet long (2x3=6).
- The cable tie out cannot weigh more than 10% of the dog's weight. If the dog weighs 50 lbs, the cable tie out cannot weigh more than 5 lbs.
- Only a buckle style collar or harness can be used to attach a dog to a cable tie out.
- Every dog must have access to shade and shelter from the elements while tied up outside. Example: Dog house or garage.

CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATING CURRENT LAWS

- **First Offense:** Fine of not more than \$100.
- **Second Offense:** Fine of not more than \$200 and requirement of having dog spayed or neutered if it isn't already.
- **Third Offense:** Fine of not more than \$500 and possible relinquishment of ownership rights of the dog.