



ACCEPTABLE METHOD OF HUMANELY CHAINING/ RESTRAINING A DOG

Chaining a dog deprives the animal of its natural right to freedom of movement, is cruel and causes mental and physical suffering. It may lead to the death of the dog.

RUNNING CHAIN

If it is absolutely necessary to restrain your dog for a valid reason (i.e. garden digging, clothes ripping, and to prevent human contact are not valid reasons), the only acceptable method is a running chain.

Both ends must be pinned underground in order to avoid strangulation or injury. A running chain should be at least five meters in length, allowing easy access to sun, shade (i.e. tree), grass, shelter (i.e. kennel), fresh food and drinkable water. A minimum of two meters of light chain should be attached to the dogs's leather collar that is comfortably fastened around the dog's neck. All chain attachments should be connected with a swivel (allow for rotation of connection, to allow the chain to revolve around) to avoid tangling of chain.

A choke/check chain is **NEVER** to be used.

A chained dog is useless for security purposes, and is exposed to dangers such as attack by other dogs, humans and poisoning.

It is a contravention of the Animal Protection Act to chain a dog on a short chain, regardless of the reason. (See section 2(1)(b) of the Animals Protection Act).

**Runner must be free of obstructions
Dog must be exercised regularly**

must have easy access to kennel with fresh water and fresh food

shade & grass

swivel

2m light chain attached to leather collar

minimum of 5m cable

both ends pinned/cemented into ground

