



# PA's Tether Law

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Libre's law was enacted in 2017 in the state of Pennsylvania and affects tethering a dog outside.

**This law is being enforced in Armstrong County with fines for noncompliance of up to \$750. It requires:**

- No more than nine consecutive hours on a leash in a day's time.
- No more than 30 minutes tied up when temperatures are lower than 32 degrees or higher than 90 degrees.
- A leash must be three times the length of the pet or 10 feet, whichever is longer.
- No tow or logged chain or pinch, choke, or prong collars used with a tether.
- A well-fitted collar and no open sores or wounds on the dog's body.
- The lead must be on a swivel and ideally have a coated cover to avoid getting tangled.
- The area where the pet is kept must be kept clear of excessive feces with access to drinkable water and shade.

The law does not prohibit tethering while engaged in hunting, performance events or field training, sporting events, complying with campground or recreational area rules, or when it is necessary for no more than an hour to complete a task.

## **Three Options for your Tethered Dog: We can help!**

1. **Bring your dog inside.** We can help by providing supplies to help transition the dog to a new environment. When supplies are available we can provide shampoo, flea treatment (very effective these days), crates, beds and other items. Let us know how we can help; we may even send volunteers out to bathe your dog before you bring him in.
2. **Surrender your dog for rehoming.** If you are unable to meet Libre's Law and wish to surrender your dog, we can help. Orphans of the Storm is a no-kill shelter that finds homes for hundreds of animals a year. During their stay they are well fed and cared for and walked regularly. The shelter has a screening process that finds great homes for its animals.
3. **Build a fenced-in area for your dog.** Keep in mind it should be large enough for the dog to exercise. If you need assistance building an area or supplies, let us know. We will help as we are able.

**Orphans of the Storm wants to help you meet the law.  
Please contact us today to let us know what we can do.**

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