

# TETHERING:

## A guide to understanding the 2020 Virginia tethering law



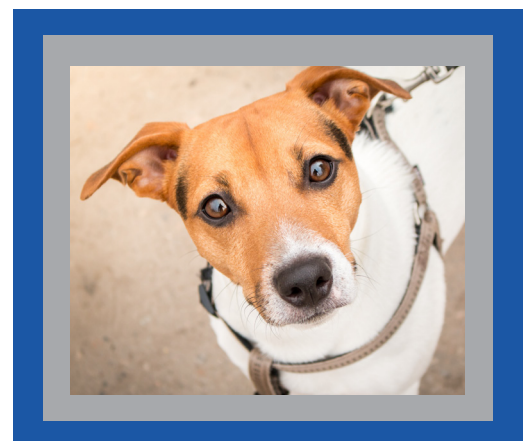
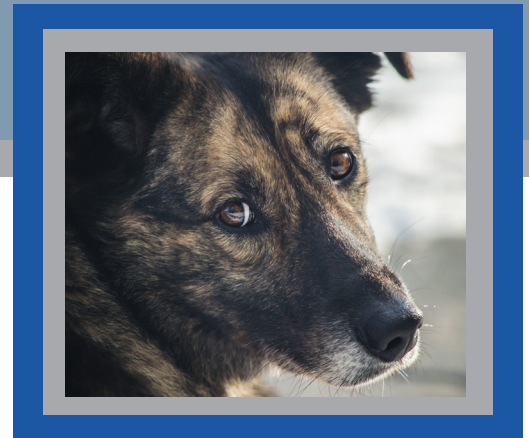
July 1, 2020: Law addresses tethering by expanding the definition of “adequate shelter” for pets

### ⊘ No tethering permitted:

- When outdoor temperature is above 85° F or below 32° F
- During a heat advisory or a severe weather warning
- During a hurricane warning or tropical storm warning
- If the animal is not safe from predators or well suited or equipped to tolerate its environment

- ☑ Tethers must be 15’ in length or 4 times the length of the animal, whichever is greater. Animal control officer may grant exception of no less than 10’ or 3 times the length of the animal, if it makes the animal safer, more suited, and better equipped to tolerate its environment.

To report violations of the tethering law or animal cruelty, call Prince William County Animal Control at 703.792.6465 or Manassas City Animal Control at 703.257.2420. If the animal is in immediate distress, **please call 911.**



Complete bill can be seen here:  
<https://pwspca.org/tethering/>



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