



▶ Fostering is an ideal activity for people that love animals but cannot commit to having a lifelong pet in China.



▶ Most animal rescue groups in Shanghai do not have a shelter, so they depend on the help of rescuers and foster parents.



▶ It is a rewarding experience to give an abandoned and/or mistreated animal a second chance in life.

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Chaining and Tethering

Breaking the Chain

For many pet parents, it's a sad sight to see a helpless dog chained up in a neighbor's yard - and for good reason. Dogs are social beings who thrive on interaction with humans and other animals. While people with large parcels of land - and those without fenced-in yards - use tethering as a means of keeping dogs on their property, this type of confinement causes the animals a great deal of physical and psychological pain.

What's Wrong With Tethering?

In addition to being deprived of socialization, tethered dogs are often the victims of abuse and neglect, suffering from sporadic feedings, empty water bowls, inadequate veterinary care and exposure to weather extremes. They are forced to eat, sleep, urinate and defecate in the same confined area, which goes against their natural instincts. Tethered dogs also suffer neck injuries from collars that have become embedded into their skin - some even strangle to death when chains become entangled with other objects. Chained in place, they are also helpless to defend themselves against abusive people, stray dogs and wild animals who may invade their space. In addition, unaltered, chained female dogs are likely to attract strays, leading to unwanted litters.

What Are the Effects of Long-Term Tethering on Dogs?

Tethering for short time periods, using appropriate equipment, in an animal-friendly environment (access to water, shelter and toys, for example) is generally harmless. However, keeping a dog on a tether for the majority of the day often leads to negative behavior

changes. Tethered dogs run a high risk of becoming "stir crazy" due to the inability to release their energy and socialize with others. With dogs, boredom often leads to frustration, which, in turn, often leads to aggression. An additional contributor to aggression is that, given only a small area in which to dwell, tethered dogs are known to become irrationally protective of that area because it is essentially their whole world. Studies have shown that chained or tethered dog is nearly three times more likely to bite than a dog who is not chained or tethered.

People should do the following:

- Avoid tethering puppies/dogs younger than six months old
- Avoid tethering a dog who has not been spayed or neutered
- Avoid using a tether that is too short
- Avoid using a tether weighing more than the animal reasonably can bear
- Avoid using collars and halters not properly fitted for the restraint of the dog
- Avoid tethering a dog in a way that poses a risk of injury or strangulation
- Avoid tethering a dog outside overnight
- Restrict the length of time that an animal may be tethered



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