

## About Guilford County Animal Control

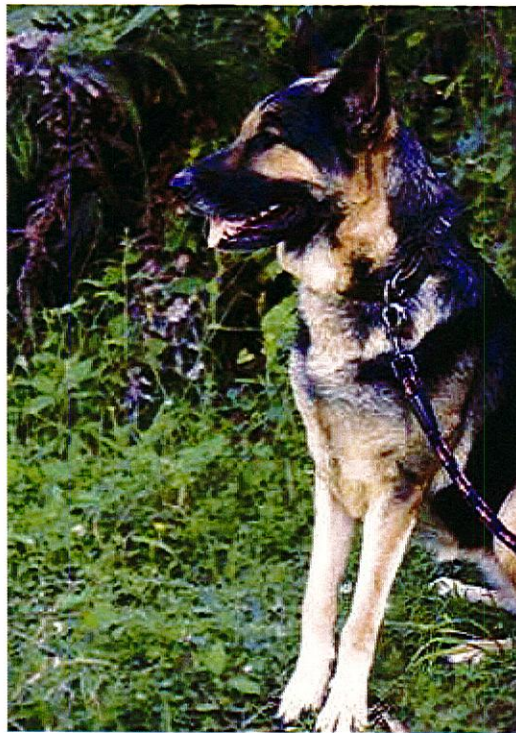
The mission of Guilford County Animal Control is to protect humans against rabies and ensure the well being of the animal population within Guilford County. It is the responsibility of this division to enforce all state and county ordinances pertaining to animals.

### Some of the situations our officers respond to:

- Rabies Exposures
- Abandoned Animals
- Sick/Stray Animals
- Animal Bite Investigations
- Nuisance Complaints
- Dangerous/Vicious Animals
- Animal Cruelty/Neglect



Guilford County Animal Control also does educational presentations and hosts rabies clinics in the community.



For more information on  
**Unattended Tethering/Chaining**  
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## Unattended Tethering/Chaining of Dogs Prohibited in Guilford County

# Q&A

QUESTION AND ANSWERS

Guilford County Animal Control (GCAC) and Guilford County Department of Public Health would like Guilford County residents to be aware of a new animal ordinance prohibiting the unattended tethering/chaining in Guilford County effective March 1, 2014.



# Q&A

## QUESTION AND ANSWERS



The Guilford County Board of Commissioners approved an animal ordinance that prohibits the unattended tethering/chaining of dogs in Guilford County effective March 1, 2014. Residents have 12 months from the effective date to come into compliance with the ordinance. Unattended tethering is PROHIBITED in all municipalities and areas within Guilford County except within the city limits of Gibsonville and High Point where local ordinances apply.

### What is unattended tethering/chaining?

Unattended tethering/chaining is restraining a dog with a chain, cable, wire or other device to a tree, post or similar object without its owner present while the dog is tethered/chained.

### Is walking your dog on a leash considered tethering?

No, walking a dog with a hand held leash is allowable and encouraged.

### Is it OK to be outside with my dog while it is tethered?

Yes, attended tethering/chaining is legal in Guilford County.

### What are the reasons for the new ordinance?

This ordinance will improve public safety issues, reduce unwanted litters of puppies, provide increased safety and humane treatment of dogs, and reduce accidental choking of dogs as a result of unattended tethering.

### How much time do people who currently tether/chain their dogs have to make the change?

From March 1, 2014 to March 1, 2015: one year education and outreach program;  
March 1, 2015 – September 1, 2015: six month written warnings for lack of compliance;  
September 1, 2015: full enforcement begins.

### What are the alternatives to unattended tethering/chaining?

Train your dog to be an inside dog, install a dog pen outside your home, build a fence around your yard or remain outside with your dog when it is being tethered/chained.

### How does the adoption of this ordinance affect county resources?

Other jurisdictions have shown that tethering/chaining restrictions:  
Decrease the number of reported dog bites.  
Reduce unwanted litters of puppies.  
Reduce cruelty cases.

