



Yamhill County Dog Control

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UNLAWFUL TETHERING

ORS 167.343

- (1) A person commits the offense of unlawful tethering if the person tethers a domestic animal in the persons custody or control:
 - (a) With a tether that is not a reasonable length given the size of the domestic animal and available space and that allows the domestic animal to become entangled in a manner that risks the health or safety of the domestic animal;
 - (b) With a collar that pinches or chokes the domestic animal when pulled;
 - (c) For more than 10 hours in a 24-hour period; or
 - (d) For more than 15 hours in a 24-hour period if the tether is attached to a running line, pulley or trolley system.
- (2) A person does not violate this section if the person tethers a domestic animal:
 - (a) While the domestic animal remains in the physical presence of the person who owns, possesses, controls or otherwise has charge of the domestic animal;
 - (b) Pursuant to the requirements of a campground or other recreational area;
 - (c) For the purpose of engaging in an activity that requires licensure in this state, including but not limited to hunting;
 - (d) To allow the person to transport the domestic animal; or
 - (e) That is a dog kept for herding, protecting livestock or dogsledding.
- (3) Unlawful tethering is a Class B violation. [2013 c.382 §2]8) Impedes or disrupts the normal flow of traffic on a public or private roadway or access way, or causes dangerous conditions thereupon, or in any way becomes a traffic hazard for any length of time. (The fine for this violation is \$150.00, second offense is \$300.00);



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- (a) Food of sufficient quantity and quality to allow for normal growth or maintenance of body weight.
 - (b) Open or adequate access to potable water in sufficient quantity to satisfy the animals needs. Access to snow or ice is not adequate access to potable water.
 - (c) For a domestic animal other than a dog engaged in herding or protecting livestock, access to adequate shelter.
 - (d) Veterinary care deemed necessary by a reasonably prudent person to relieve distress from injury, neglect or disease.
 - (e) For a domestic animal, continuous access to an area:
 - (A) With adequate space for exercise necessary for the health of the animal;
 - (B) With air temperature suitable for the animal; and
 - (C) Kept reasonably clean and free from excess waste or other contaminants that could affect the animals health.

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- (1) Adequate bedding means bedding of sufficient quantity and quality to permit a domestic animal to remain dry and reasonably clean and maintain a normal body temperature.
- (2) (a) Adequate shelter includes a barn, doghouse or other enclosed structure sufficient to protect a domestic animal from wind, rain, snow or sun, that has adequate bedding to protect against cold and dampness and that is maintained to protect the domestic animal from weather and physical injury.
- (b) Adequate shelter does not include:
- (A) Crawl spaces under buildings or parts of buildings, such as steps, decks or stoops;
  - (B) The space under a vehicle;
  - (C) The inside of a vehicle if the domestic animal is kept in the vehicle in a manner or for a length of time that is likely to be detrimental to the domestic animals health or safety;
  - (D) Shelters made from cardboard or other materials that are easily degraded by the elements;
  - (E) Animal carriers or crates that are designed to provide temporary housing;
  - (F) Shelters with wire or chain-link floors, unless the domestic animal is a bird; or
  - (G) Shelters surrounded by waste, debris, obstructions or impediments that could adversely affect an animals health.

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