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Subject: Misinformation being spread about Stamford Ordinance LR30.103 by PETA
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Hi Valerie,

In case anyone is approached by their constituents, it appears PETA is spreading misinformation about one of the ordinances being considered by L&R and the Board. No-one in Stamford has been complaining about "continuously chained" dogs as the attached publication implies. The ordinance being considered does not address the issue of continuously chained (tethered) dogs, nor does it address the issue of dogs being chained "24/7" as found in another commentary. If that were the intent then someone has to point out there is a significant difference between continuously chained and no unsupervised tethering and the ordinance as currently presented is overkill.

If our ACO cannot address the issue of continuously chained dogs using existing statutes then perhaps we should be changing the ACO and Corporation Counsel instead of changing the ordinance.

You Can Help Chained Dogs in Stamford—Take Action Now!



The board of representatives in Stamford, Connecticut, is considering an ordinance that would **prohibit leaving dogs chained unattended**. The bill, **LR30.103**, which is **supported by local animal control**, would require a guardian to be outside and in full view of the dog while the animal is chained. This vital piece of legislation has been through committee and discussed by the full board but has been sent back to committee for reconsideration. **Stamford residents must take action in order to help ensure that the bill becomes law.**



Kept out of sight and out of mind outdoors, continuously chained dogs are usually deprived of everything they need to thrive. They're constantly in danger of becoming entangled in their chain and being strangled or kept from reaching their food, water, or shelter—if their owners have even provided them with any. In 2018, officials found **a dog frozen solid** outside on New Year's Day in Hartford. She was discovered chained to her doghouse and lying in her own feces. When isolated on a chain or a tether, dogs are more likely to develop antisocial and even aggressive behavior. One study coauthored by two Centers for Disease Control and Prevention physicians found that dogs who were kept chained were almost three times more likely to bite than those who weren't. It's now more important than ever that members of the Legislative and Rules Committee hear from supporters of the ordinance before they discuss it again at their next **meeting on July 20 at 7 p.m.**, so please let them know that you want to see tethering banned in Stamford!

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Trying to help other people at all times,

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