

A photograph of a small, fluffy brown and white dog, possibly a Chihuahua mix, sitting on a dirt path in a backyard. The dog is looking towards the camera with its mouth open and tongue out, appearing happy. It is wearing a red collar. A leash is attached to its collar and extends upwards. The background shows a wooden fence and some green foliage.

Kit Happens

Sadly, so does dog chaining—but this kit can help you stop it

“I’m sorry, but chaining a dog is not illegal. There’s nothing I can do.”

Citizens who’ve had the courage to stand up for chained dogs by calling the authorities expect those authorities to be able to intervene. And so it’s hard for them to hear the all too common response: The officer can do nothing, because the community has no law to forbid an owner from chaining his dog 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

As hard as it may be for concerned citizens, it’s harder still for the many animal control officers who have to utter that phrase. Many ACOs want to help the neglected dogs languishing in back yards all over the country, but feel helpless to do so. Seeing a dog live his entire life on the end of a chain is frustrating for everyone—but whether you’re a concerned citizen or a law enforcement officer, The Humane Society of the United States wants to give you the tools you need to help.

The HSUS is proud to announce the release of the new kit, “A Dog’s Life: Chaining and Your Community.” The free kit includes information on the process of passing an ordinance, a guide to testifying before local government, sample ordinances from around the country, and more—and will help you get an anti-chaining ordinance passed in your community.

Request your free kit at humane.society.org/dogchainingkit. **AS**