

# Attention, Halifax County Dog Owners!

Unattended tethering of dogs is now illegal!

*How will the new animal welfare laws affect you?*

The following checklist will help you ensure that your dog(s)' living conditions are legal.

- Dogs cannot be tethered outside unattended. They must be kept indoors or in a securely fenced-in area.
- Securely fenced-in areas must measure at least 10 feet by 10 feet and at least 6 feet in height. For dogs weighing 29 pounds or less, a secure fenced in area must measure at least 6 feet by 6 feet and at least 5 feet in height.
- Except for hunting dogs, for each additional dog there shall be an additional 50 square feet of space of penned area.
- Animal living areas must be kept clean, dry and clear of debris and waste.
- Dogs must have adequate shelter that protects them from injury and the weather, including rain, direct sunlight and heat or cold. It must have a solid floor and be large enough for the dog to lie in comfortably.
- Dogs must always have access to fresh water in a clean and durable container.
- Dogs must be provided with nutritious food on a daily basis.

The law goes into effect on

**January 1, 2020!**

Call 1-800-566-9768 for free tips on housetraining and other types of assistance.

