

MAKING YOUR ENCLOSURE AS COMFORTABLE AS POSSIBLE

If you must contain your dog in a kennel here are some tips to make sure it is the best possible environment for them:

1. Make the kennel as big as possible. The more room for exercise and free movement your dog has the happier they will be.
2. Use a light coloring for the floor of the kennel. Dark colors can absorb heat and be difficult for a dog to walk on.
3. Leave soft bedding in the kennel or in the doghouse for added comfort.
4. Have some toys readily available in the kennel to give your dog something to do.
5. Clean the kennel daily to insure that it remains free of insects and vermin. Dogs are required to be provided a sanitary environment.



Make sure to interact and play with your dog on a regular basis!

MISSION STATEMENT:

Bernalillo County Animal Care Services is committed to providing the highest level of services and protection to both the citizens and the animals of our community by effectively and humanely enforcing the ordinances as they pertain to animal care and the public's health, safety and welfare. We are dedicated to protecting the citizens of Bernalillo County from animal related injury and disease and further committed to protecting the animals we share our community with from abuse and neglect.



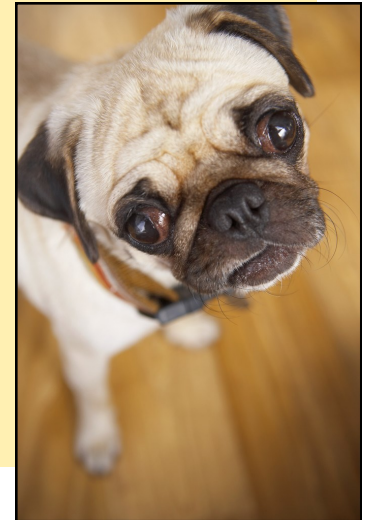
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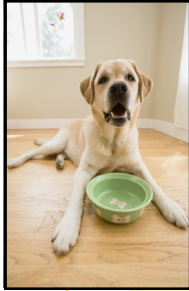


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CONFINEMENT AND RESTRAINT

Effective August 26, 2013, tethering as a form of confinement will be prohibited under Bernalillo County ordinance.



The best place for any dog to live is inside your home with you!

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

This means that if you own a dog, that dog is required to have an area where it is free to move about and cannot be restrained by a tether of any kind. This includes single point tethering (chaining) and trolley systems.

Dogs must be adequately contained behind a fence on the property of their owner (adequate to prevent escape) and/or restrained in a kennel that provides adequate space for exercise suitable to the age, size, species and breed of the animal.



If not restrained behind a fence, kennels must provide your dog with adequate space for exercise.

ADEQUATE SPACE FOR EXERCISE

What does 'adequate space for exercise' mean?

According to ordinance in Bernalillo County, adequate space for exercise shall include but not be limited to provision within the adequate living area of space that enables the animal to sit, hop, stand or rear up on its hind legs, run, jump, and play with others of its species or with toys without hitting him/herself against the enclosure.

IF SECURED BEHIND A FENCE OR WITHIN A KENNEL YOUR DOG MUST ALSO BE PROVIDED WITH:

Adequate food and water

Adequate Shelter

Shade independent of shelter



KNOW THE LAW!

The ordinance, in its entirety can be found at:

www.bernco.gov

MY DOG DIGS, JUMPS AND CLIMBS!

If your dog digs, jumps or climbs and escaping the pen or kennel is a very real possibility try some of the following tips:

1. Put a top on the pen to prevent your dog from climbing or jumping out and escaping
2. Add fencing to the top that bends at an approximately 45 degree angle
3. Extend the height of fence. If 6 feet isn't sufficient usually another couple feet, around 8 feet, should prevent a dog from escaping.
4. Attach about 1-2 ft. of chicken wire to the inside of the bottom of your fence. Bend several inches of it inward at the bottom and bury it beneath the ground. This should be sufficient to prevent digging and escaping underneath the pen.



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