

IMPORTANT PSA

**TO ALL DOG OWNERS OF
SELMA & DALLAS COUNTY**

BEAU'S LAW TAKES EFFECT

OCTOBER 1, 2026

Code of Alabama 3-6B-1 to 3-6B-7

This law does not unchain dogs.

It simply sets the
standards for how a dog may be
tethered or confined outside.

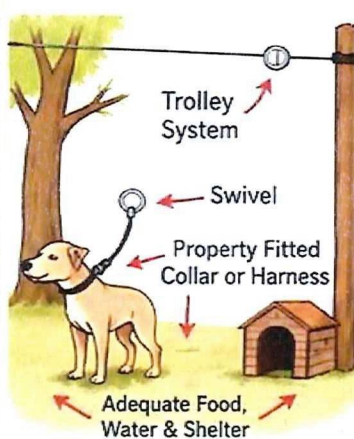


OUR GOAL IS TO INFORM AND EDUCATE.

KEY REQUIREMENTS OF THE LAW

- ✓ Tether must be a trolley system.
- ✓ Not unreasonably heavy for the size of the dog.
- ✓ Connected to only one dog.
- ✓ Attached to a properly fitted collar or harness.
- ✓ Swivel on both ends to minimize tangling.
- ✓ Allows continuous access to adequate food, adequate water, and proper shelter.
- ✓ Does not extend over anything that could cause injury or strangulation.
- ✓ Does not allow the dog to leave the property.

EXAMPLE OF A PROPER TETHER SETUP



PROPER SHELTER MUST:

- ✓ Protect from the elements (rain, wind, cold, heat)
- ✓ Have a solid floor and adequate opening
- ✓ Allow the dog to stand, turn around, lie down, and stretch out
- ✓ Be constructed of durable material with proper ventilation
- ✓ Be clean, free of waste, standing water, and debris
- ✓ Allow unlimited access at all times



Logging chains, choke collars, and pinch collars may **NOT** be used to tether a dog.

ENFORCEMENT - KNOW THE PROCESS



Animal Control can investigate alleged violations of this law.



We cannot enforce the law.

We investigate and turn our findings over to law enforcement.



Law Enforcement is responsible for enforcing this law.

This new tethering law does not replace our current cruelty law. Those laws remain in effect and will be enforced.

WHERE TO FILE A COMPLAINT

If you are in Selma or the Dallas County jurisdiction, following is who to report complaints to:

- Selma-Dallas County Animal Shelter
- Selma Police Department
- Dallas County Sheriff's Department

POTENTIAL IMPACT

We are concerned this new law may increase the number of dogs coming into the shelter if the guidelines cannot be met.

We want the public to be aware and prepared so you have time to make any necessary changes before October 1, 2026.

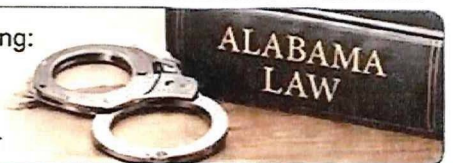


Our goal is to keep dogs with their families when possible.

PENALTIES

Violations of this law may result in the following:

- **First Violation** – Class C Misdemeanor
- **Second Violation** – Class B Misdemeanor
- **Third and Subsequent Violations** – Class A Misdemeanor



QUESTIONS? CONCERNS?
We are here to help!

334-431-0056 OR 911
Selma-Dallas County Animal Shelter

