

Animal Welfare (Dog Regulations) 2016

Guidance Notes for Tethering and Crating

The Dog regulations are now in effect, these regulations are minimum requirements and stipulate that should a dog be tethered it must be:

- Accepting of being tethered
- Supervised whilst being tethered
- Have access to water and weatherproof shelter
- Fitted with a swivel on the tether to prevent getting tangled
- Provided with the opportunity to get daily exercise, of at least 1 hour in total a day, off the tether

- The dog must not be tethered to a moveable object
- The dog must not be tethered adjacent to a fence, so that it is placed in danger of injury or death by hanging.

You must not tether:

- Puppies under the age of 4 months
- Bitches in season
- Bitches in advanced stages of pregnancy

The regulations stipulate that when crating a dog or puppy you must ensure:

- The crate is of a suitable size so that the animal can turn around, lay out flat with legs outstretched and sit or stand without their head touching the roof.
- Confinement is no longer than 10 hours in any 24-hour period.

It is an offence to breach any of these regulations and penalties apply.