Because dogs deserve more than life in prison...
Chaining Is Inhumane

Many dogs are chained 24/7 for years
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Chains are often tight, tangled, and heavy
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Padlocks are common
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Chained dogs often get tangled, keeping them from shelter, food, and water.
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Some live their lives on very short chains with little freedom to move.
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Oscar’s owners considered him no better than trash. He was euthanized due to a severe case of ringworm.
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Chained dogs can’t seek better shelter
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Grass is beaten down, leaving hard-packed dirt & mud
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Chained dogs can get hung over fences and off decks, causing death.

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Many chained dogs live in unhealthy, trashy surroundings infested with parasites.
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Chained dogs become “part of the scenery” - forgotten and neglected
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- Chained dogs are vulnerable to roaming dogs and thieves
  - Pit bulls often stolen for fighting
  - Smaller dogs stolen for pit bull bait
  - Some people collect free/stolen dogs and sell them to research labs or lab dealers

Annabelle was a very sweet dog chained near a busy street. Anyone could have taken her.
Chaining can be a sign of dog-fighting – a cruel felony

These dogs were part of a fighting ring in North Carolina
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Anti-chaining laws gives officers a tool to crack down on dog fighting without having to catch a fight in progress.

This chained dog was part of a dog-fighting ring in Ohio.
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Many chained dogs do not get enough food and water.

Pedro died of starvation after this photo was taken.
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Charlie’s owners moved away and he went a week without food
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How long has this bowl been empty?
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Chaining is Dangerous to People

- **Centers for Disease Control (CDC):**
  - Chained dogs 2.8 times more likely to bite
  - Dogs most likely to bite are male, unneutered, & chained
  - Victims are most often children
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American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA):

“Never tether or chain your dog because this can contribute to aggressive behavior.”

United States Department Agriculture (USDA):

“Continuous confinement of dogs by a tether is inhumane.”

In 1997, USDA disallowed chaining as primary source of confinement under the U.S. Animal Welfare Act
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- Chained dogs usually unsocialized, territorial, & prone to aggression
- "Fight or flight" instinct kicks in when threatened. Since can’t flee – forced to fight
- Attacks often occur when a child enters territory
- When an unsocialized dog breaks loose and roams, he is a danger to people
- Chained dogs are rarely vaccinated, presenting disease threat
Fatal Dog Attacks by Karen Delise

- Documented 109 people killed by chained dogs
  - 99 were children that wandered into dog’s reach
  - 11 attacks by dogs who broke free
- Chained dogs are statistically more dangerous than free-running packs of dogs
Children Killed by Chained Dogs

Tony Evans, Jr., Age 3
Mississippi

Pablo Hernandez, Age 5
Texas

Abraham Jonathan Tackett, Age 2
Ft. Yukon, Alaska

Zachary King, Age 7
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Korie-Lyn Edwards, Age 17 months
Montague Township, Canada

Tiffany Pauley, Age 5
Atlanta, GA

Amber Jones, Age 10
Texas

Jonathan Martin, Age 2
Virginia

Asia Turner, Age 4
South Carolina

Robbie Shafer, Age 4
Virginia

Cody, Age 3
British Columbia

Kamryn Billingsley, Age 1 month
Mississippi

Myles Leakes, Age 4
Florida
Children Attacked by Chained Dogs

Alexander Lester, Age 12
Pennsylvania,

Elizabeth Stanek, Age 15
North Carolina

Alisia Johnson, Age 3
Mississippi

Kade Fries, Age 10
Texas

Jacob Brady, Age 16 months
Virginia

Malik Gipson, Age 9
Illinois

J'Naya Allen, Age 8
Georgia

Alex Miller, Age 7
Tennessee

Zachary Spafford, Age 8
Indiana

Kassime Reddick, Age 9
New Jersey

Trinity Robichaud, Age 5
South Carolina

DeNasha Hackner, Age 9
Indiana

Maysia Moore, Age 8
Washington
Chaining makes dogs aggressive, Not protective

• **Protective Dog**
  – Socialized by spending time with people
  – Can distinguish friend from threat
  – Protective dogs make the best guard dogs
  – K9 officers keep their dogs inside!

• **Aggressive Dog**
  – Can't distinguish between family and threat
  – May attack anyone who enters his territory
  – Chaining very often causes aggression
Dogs shouldn’t be let loose!

- Dogs should be socialized and kept:
  - Inside the home
  - In a fenced yard

- You don't have to have a fence to have a dog!
  - Apartment dogs are happy living inside, with walks

- Many resources available for training dogs to be well-behaved family members
Owning a dog is a responsibility!

Dog owners must be able to provide basic needs:

- Exercise
- Food
- Water
- Shelter

Dogs are living creatures, Not objects to be tossed in the yard like a junked car
Instead of being my prison guard...

Will you be my friend?

Life Sentence, No Parole

You can keep my BODY alive with just food & water.
To keep my SPIRIT alive, I need love & exercise!

I am a pack animal.
I want to be with my pack: YOU!

Won’t you let me come inside with the family, protect you, and be your loyal friend?
How Can I Help?

Visit UnchainYourDog.org or DogsDeserveBetter.org

Don’t be afraid to speak out! Dogs can’t speak for themselves. They are counting on you to be their voice.
Thank You!

T.J. was rescued from life on a chain