

How Are the New Animal Cruelty Laws Affecting You?

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The new tethering laws for animals have a lot of surprised people being visited by Animal Care and Control serving warnings. The new law prohibits people from leaving pets outside tied up without supervision. Neighbors are calling in at a much higher rate to report people who tie up their animals. The only problem is, many animals are not being mistreated but the owners are still receiving visits and warnings from Animal Care and Control.

Not Animal Cruelty

A Palm Beach County dog owner and her family received a surprising visit from Animal Care and Control. A concerned citizen had called to complain that Lisa Brown and her family had tied up their dog Sassy outside.

"She's good, she's perfectly taken care of, she's spoiled, and we love her to death," Brown said.

The family says they have never left Sassy unattended outside while tied to a tether. But Animal Care arrived to educate the family, and ended up giving them a warning.

Walesky says his officers have been kept busy by similar calls since this new animal tethering law was passed. The law prohibits people from leaving pets outside tied up without supervision. If a dog is left in a contained space like a fenced yard, they must have ample water and shade to keep them healthy and comfortable.

The Brown family is adamant that Sassy has a good home, and is well cared for.

The consequence for tethering an animal unattended ranges from a warning, a fine or even criminal charges, depending on the situation. To report abuse, call Animal Care and Control at 561-233-1200.

Animal Cruelty Criminal Defense

Have you ever been [charged with animal cruelty](#) for tethering your dog? If you have been compliant with the new laws passed and have still been criminally charged, you're going to need help from a [criminal defense lawyer](#). Because the law is so new, many people are unaware of the changes and specifications. A [criminal](#)

[defense lawyer](#) can help you devise a defense strategy.
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