



Resources for Pet Owners



Keeping Your Dog Confined To Your Property

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We recommend that you keep your dog indoors, unless you're present to supervise his time outside. Dogs are "pack animals" and need to socialize with you and the world around them. By walking your dog regularly (at least twice a day), you can provide him with the exercise and mental stimulation he needs.

If there are times when you must leave your dog outside, you should keep him in a securely fenced yard to prevent him from straying. Within the safe confines of your yard, he should have access to adequate shelter from rain, snow, severe winds and other inclement weather. You may also consider providing him with a covered dog "run" or pen with a doghouse inside. This is a good alternative if you're unable to fence your yard, or if your dog is apt to escape from your yard by jumping the fence.

It is illegal to have your dog chained or on a tie-out in Tucson. A dog on a tie-out is more likely to have aggression problems, dig, bark, and get injured. Dogs on a tie-out can die from exposure or hanging themselves. Find an alternative way to keep your dog in your yard.

Arizona law requires you to make sure your dog has access to appropriate shelter, clean water at all times, and food, if necessary.

It's best to provide your dog with a tip-proof water bowl or place the bowl in an area where it won't get knocked over. You can dig a hole and place the bowl at ground level, which will not only keep it from being knocked over, but will keep the water cool as well. You'll also want to provide your dog with safe toys that are appropriate for his size.

Try to find a way to keep your dog inside if at all possible. Dogs inside are safer, less likely to get sick, better mannered and less likely to become aggressive toward strangers. Almost all dogs can be crate trained or taught to have good manners in the house.