

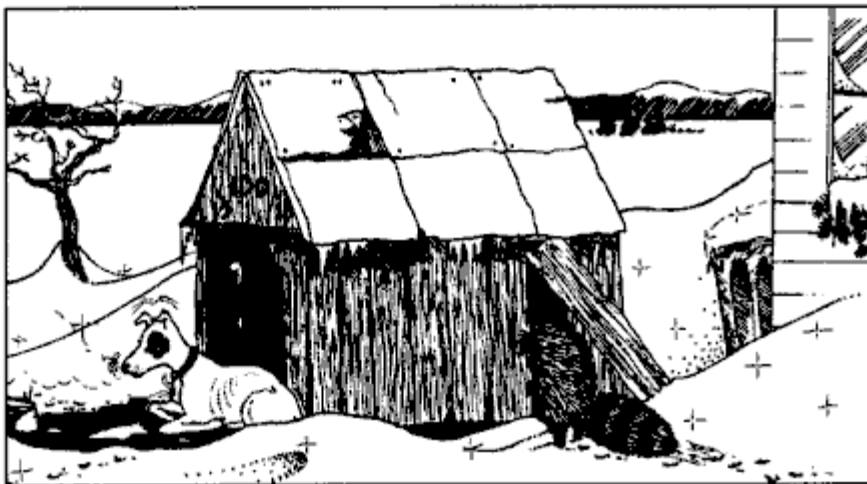
FORLORN – FORGOTTEN

What's Wrong in this Picture?

1. The dog is short haired, shivering and underweight. Short-haired, very young and old dogs (and cats) should never be left outdoors in extreme heat or cold weather. Under these conditions, exercise should be limited to 15 minutes, or as long as it takes for a pet to relieve him/herself. Outdoor animals require more protein rich foods in winter. Metal bowls that stick to tongues and skin should be replaced with ceramic bowls; water must be changed frequently.

2. The dog house is too large, dilapidated and drafty. Proper shelter must be structurally sound, waterproof, insulated and appropriate to the size of the dog (or cat) to be effective and retain body heat; 10-12" higher and longer than the animals height and length, allowing just enough room to comfortably stand-up and lay down. The shelter should face South (away from prevailing winds) with a rug or burlap covering the door, be raised 6" off the ground to prevent ground-freeze from infiltrating; the floor covered with 6" of straw or cedar shavings. Wind chill can threaten an animal's life

3. Area is not fenced in, chain has become entangled. A common problem of chained dogs; animals become trapped, can choke or hang themselves. Shelter area should be fenced-in to prevent attack by rabid or loose animals, and discourage human abuse.



The Cruelty of Chained-Out Dogs:

We've all seen them, docile, listless dogs lying on the ground, grinding their teeth down until their gums bleed, whining briefly when left alone again; or lonely, frustrated dogs pacing back and forth, digging – trying to escape, barking at anything in sight or sound, chained continually or 9-5, day-in and day-out. Once "adorable puppies", their owners soon tired of the responsibilities of caring for and training a young, and at 6 months of age – a sexually driven adolescent dog. Not unlike the plight of a cat, animals are consequently relegated to the backyard, cellar or garage.

Nothing about being kept alone outdoors for a dog or cat is safe or natural. The dog is a social pack animal; a dogs need for companionship, security and structure are as important as food, water, shelter, veterinary care and neutering. Cats are especially vulnerable to exposure and injury from cars.

The truth is, outdoor animals suffer. Isolated, fearful and defensive of the stimuli around them, outdoor dogs are less healthy and prone to become aggressive towards both humans and animals. As an outdoor "guard dog" he/she will fail you. A dog's desire to protect you is built upon a mutual bond of trust that only comes with time spent together. An alienated chained dog barks 20% of the time anyway; at anything; a chained dog cannot thwart a criminal in your home. Please – think responsibly before adopting an animal. **HELP STOP ANIMAL ABUSE.**



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