

Sec. 20.39 - Use of a fixed-point restraining device.

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- (a) A fixed-point restraining device is hereby defined as a trolley system, chain, cord, leash, cable, or similar device which is attached to one or more fixed points to include, without limitation, a house, tree, fence, post, garage or shed, used to confine a dog or cat to the owner's property and designed to be used for such purposes. The device shall be a minimum length of ten feet in length and shall be no longer than what is necessary to keep such dog or cat confined to the owner's property.
- (b) A fixed-point restraining device shall not be used to confine a dog or cat outdoors between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., except as provided herein. A dog or cat may be attached to a fixed-point restraining device for a period of time not to exceed one hour per day, and shall be directly supervised and accompanied by the owner outside for the duration of the time the dog or cat is attached to the fixed-point restraining device.
- (c) The use of a fixed-point restraining device between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. may be allowed as provided herein.
 - (1) The fixed-point restraining device shall be a minimum of ten feet in length and shall be placed in a location which keeps such dog or cat confined exclusively to the owner's property.
 - (2) The fixed-point restraining device shall be used in conjunction with an appropriate collar or harness designed for use with the specific size of dog or cat. Pinch, choke and/or pronged type collars shall not be used when restraining a dog or cat in this manner.
 - (3) The fixed-point restraining device shall be placed in a manner as to prevent injury, strangulation or entanglement.
 - (4) If there are multiple dogs or cats, each shall be confined separately and in such a manner the fixed-point restraining device shall not become entangled with each other.
- (d) It shall be unlawful to use a fixed-point restraining device to confine any dog or cat under the age of six months.
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During any time of severe weather, the use of a fixed-point restraining device to secure a dog or cat onto the owner's property is strictly prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, lightning storms, tornado warnings, hurricane warnings, heat index above 90 degrees Fahrenheit, temperatures below 32 degrees Fahrenheit.

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Secs. 20.40—20.50. - Reserved.

ARTICLE II. - RABIES-SUSCEPTIBLE ANIMALS

Sec. 20.51. - Vaccination required.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any rabies-susceptible animal, for which a licensed vaccine is available, to fail to have said rabies-susceptible animal vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian of his choice as provided in subsection (d).
- (b) Evidence of vaccination shall consist of a County certificate signed by the licensed veterinarian administering the vaccine. The certificate in triplicate shall show the date and type of vaccination, the name and address of the owner, the year and serial number of the animal's required tag, the breed, age, color and sex of the animal, and any other pertinent data for proper identification of the animal. One copy of the certificate shall be given to the owner, one copy filed with the animal control official, and one copy retained by the veterinarian administering the vaccine. For their services provided in the handling of said certificates, veterinarians may be allowed to retain such portion of the certificate fee as shall be established by the Board of County Commissioners by duly adopted resolution.
- (c) No rabies-susceptible animal need be vaccinated for rabies where a licensed veterinarian has examined the rabies-susceptible animal and certified that vaccination would endanger said animal's health at that time because of its age, infirmity, debility, or other physiological consideration, and such certificate is presented to the enforcing agency within five days of such examination; provided that such certificate shall not be valid for more than 12 months from the date of issuance.