


Table no. 1

## PROHIBITION ON KEEPING A DOG ON CHAIN: REGIONAL JURISDICTION

01 STRICT PROHIBITION

02 WITH SPECIFIC AND
RESTRICTED DEROGATIONS

- TO BE REWORKED URGENTLY

03 WITH WIDE SCOPE
derogations

04
Vague wording

05
No EXPLICIT
PROHIBITION

No LAW

SANCTION YES

3
SANCTION No

| Italian Regions | YEAR |
| :---: | :---: |
| Abruzzo | 2013 |
| Basilicata |  |
| Calabria | 1990 |
| Campania | 2019 |
| Emilia-Romagna | 2005 |
| Friuli Venezia Giulia | 2012 |
| Lazio | 1997 |
| Liguria |  |
| Lombardia | 2017 |
| Marche | 2015 |
| Molise | 2006 |
| Piemonte | 1993 |
| Puglia | 2020 |
| Sardegna | 1994 |
| Sicilia |  |
| Toscana | 2011 |
| Trentino-Alto |  |
| Adige Bolzano | 2013 |
| Trentino-Alto Adige |  |
| Trento | 2012 |
| Umbria | 2016 |
| Valle D'Aosta | 2012 |
| Veneto | 1993 |



## PENALTY SYSTEM <br> IN ITALIAN REGIONS

EXtract of the Laws

It is forbidden to keep dogs on a chain or apply them to any other similar restraint instrument, except for health reasons certified by a veterinarian, specifying the diagnosis and treatment duration, or temporary security reasons.

EXTRACT OF THE LAWS
Marche


It is forbidden to keep dogs on the chain; if necessary, the animal must be able to move freely and the chain must be mobile, equipped with two revolving carabiners, with a ring hooked to a sliding rope of at least five meters in length.

EXTRACT OF THE LAWS

The owner or the keeper of a dog must ensure adequate space for moving. It is forbidden to keep dogs on chain or to use other similar means of confinement, except for health reasons certified by a veterinarian, specifying the diagnosis and the duration of treatment, or for temporary safety measures. In any case, it is forbidden to attach the chain to a choke chain.

SANCTION

From € 125.00 to $€$ 750.00
EXTRACT of the LAWs

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| dogs on chain or to use other |
| similar means of confinement, |
| except for health reasons certi- |
| fied by a veterinarian, specifying |
| the diagnosis and the duration of |
| treatment, or for temporary safety |
| measures. In any case, it is forbid- |
| den to attach the chain to a choke |
| chain. |

## EXTRACT OF THE LAW/S

The owner or keeper, even temporary, of pets is forbidden to use the chain or any other similar tool of restraint, except for health reasons or for urgent and only temporary safety measures, documented and certified by the attending veterinarian.

EXtract of the Laws
Lazio


Keeping dogs tied to a chain or tethered in any other way that restrains their freedom of movement is prohibited, except for animal health reasons certified by a veterinary prescription specifying the diagnosis and the maximum duration of the treatment.

SANction
SANCTION

Administrative fines from € 100.00 to € 300.00 .

Pecuniary administrative fine ranging from €500 to $€ 2,500$

## RECAP OF <br> ITALIAN REGIONAL LAWS

Table no. 3
From $€ 150.00$ to $€$ 900.00


## REGULATIONS

EU MEMBER STATES

01
Strict prohibition

02
WITH SPECIFIC AND
RESTRICTED DEROGATIONS

!
TO BE REWORKED URGENTLY

03 WITH WIDE SCOPE
derogations

04
VAGUE WORDING

05
No EXPLICIT
PROHIBITION

06
No LAW

SANCTION YES

3
SANCTION No

| EU MEMBERS | YEAR |
| :--- | ---: |
|  |  |
| SWEDEN | 2020 |
| MALTA | 2018 |
| HUNGARY | 2016 |
| GERMANY | 2001 |
| FRANCE | 1982 |
| AUSTRIA | $2004-2018$ |
| DANIMARK | 2017 |
| BELGIUM - WALLONIA | 2018 |
| POLAND | 1997 |
| PORTUGAL |  |
| ROMANIA | 2004 |
| FINLAND | 2010 |
| CROATTIA | 2017 |
| SLOVENIA | $1999-2009$ |
| SPAIN - CATALONIA | $1999-2008$ |
| SPAIN - VALENCIA | 1994 |
| SPAIN - ANDALUSIA | 2003 |Italian Regions review: table no. 1Non-EU States Review: table no. 8

Exception.
dogs aged up to 12 months
pregnant dogs during the
last third of the pregnancy
period
breast feeding dogs

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## REGULATORY EU STATES

The dog must have access to a
Not specified
place that can offer him adequate shelter from rain, wind and cold. If this place consists of a kennel, this must be capacious and high enough to allow the dog to stand on all fours.
 animal to

If the dog is kept attached or
Not specified enclosed in a fence, it must be able to have permanent access to a kennel or shelter that protects it from the weather.

| GERMANY <br> UNTIL DEC. <br> 2022 | The device must <br> 1. be able to scroll freely on a slid- <br> er at least 6 meters long <br> 2. have dimensions such as to <br> guarantee the dog a lateral move- |
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| ment margin of at least 5 meters. | It is allowed to use only <br> wide collars or harness- <br> es, which do not affect <br> and are made in such <br> a way that they cannot <br> further shrink or cause <br> injury. |

Only a device (chain, etc.) ensuring that it cannot be twisted can be used. The material must have a reduced specific weight, and must be made in such a way that the dog cannot injure himself.

Outdoor recovery
Time ALLOWED

There must be no objects in the
Not specified movement space of the dog that could hinder its movement or cause injury. The surface on which it moves must be stable, must not cause any injury or pain and must be easy to keep clean and dry.

From January 2023, dog chaining will be prohibited. The relevant legislation provides for an exception when dogs perform the work for which they were trained or when they are trained, but only if they are supervised by their keepers and subject to the following requirements:

- the means of restraint (rope or similar system) should be at least 3 m long and should not fray;
- the means of restraint (rope or similar system) should be lightweight so as to prevent dogs from hurting themselves; - the means of restraint should be large and not sharp so as to prevent dogs from hurting or strangling themselves.



## SANCTIONING SYSTEM EU MEMBER STATES

Any animal kept outdoors has a natural or artificial shelter that can protect it from the harmful effects of wind, sun and rain.
In the absence of a shelter referred to in the first paragraph and in the event of weather conditions which may affect its welfare, the animal is moved to an adequate accommodation.

An animal cannot be perpetually attached

|  | LAW - EXTRACTS | SANCTION |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Austria |  |  |
|  | Dogs can never, even temporarily, be kept on chains or otherwise tied in any other way. There is an exception for sled dogs who may be tethered during training sessions and competitions, lawful dog training measures, disaster relief operations or use as police or army dogs. | - For an infringement of minimum requirements defined in the AWA or on statutory level the fine amounts to $€ 3.750$, in the first instance and may rise to $€ 7.500$, when the infringement is repeated or continued. Note that in this case it is not necessary (to prove) that the tethering has negative effects on the dog's welfare. <br> - If it is evident or proven by an expert that the tethering caused pain, suffering, severe anxiety or harm to the dog the sanction for animal cruelty applies; it amounts to $€ 7.500$,-- in the first incident and may rise to $€ 15.000$,- when the infringement is repeated or continued. |
|  | LAW - EXTRACTS | Sanction |
| DANM |  |  |
|  | It is forbidden to keep a dog constantly on chains. When a dog is kept on a chain, it must be at least 5 m long (...)*full text available at table no. 5 | Administrative fine decided on a case by case, according to the seriousness of the crime. |

FRANCE
staying in areas where access for pets is not permitted; or in the context of other activities carried out in connection with the employment, teaching or training of the animals. During transport, dogs and cats can be kept for a maximum of three hours inside the means of transport when stationary.
Specific provisions on the tethering of dogs
2 Dogs may be tied on a temporary basis: 1. for a short time when exercising 2. in the context of competitions, hunting or other activities in which the animal is employed;
3. for resting or overnight stays when travelling; or
4. when staying in areas where entry for dogs is forbidden. The tethering referred to in the first subparagraph shall not constitute a risk of injury and shall be arranged in such a way that the dog can lie down comfortably and maintain its heat balance. The dog must be able to lie down in a natural way and have access to a dry, clean and soft lying area.

## SANCTION

Administrative fine (decided by the authorities on a case by case) and criminal sanction (up to 2 years of prison)

SANCTION

LAW - EXTRACTS
Poland


1. Those who keep domestic animals have the duty to provide it with a room protecting it against cold, heat and rain with access to daylight and making it possible for it to change the position of its body, to have appropriate food and permanent access to water. 2. The leash on which the animal is kept cannot lead to injuries or suffering and must ensure necessary freedom of movement.

LAW - EXTRACTS
Belgium
(WALLONIA)


No one can reduce an animal's freedom of movement to An animal cannot be perpetually attached. the point of exposing it to avoidable pain, suffering or injury. In cases which do not contravene paragraph 1, the attached or enclosed animal has sufficient space and mobility, in accordance with its physiological and ethological needs. Any animal kept outdoors has a natural or artificial shelter that can protect it from the harmful effects of wind, sun
and rain. In the absence of a shelter referred to in the first paragraph and in the event of weather conditions which may affect its welfare, the animal is moved to an adequate accommodation.

## SANCTION

Administrative fine ( $€ 750$ ); if mistreatment is proven, the fine may rise up to $€ 30.000$ and imprisonment up to 2 years.


If someone breaks the law and don't take care of his dog, the court will order a judgement. And that judgement can range from fines up to four years in prison. If the only offense is keeping the tethered dog alone somewhere or the chain is too short etc., surely the judgement will be only fines.

LAW - EXTRACTS
CROATIA
It is prohibited to keep dogs constantly tethered, or to keep them in areas for the separate keeping of dogs without enabling their free movement outside that area.

It does not regulate sanctions for breaking this provision. It is up to the municipality to pass a policy in which they need to specify fine for breaking said article. That means that we do not have the same sanction throughout the state but rather each city/municipality has its own. For example, in Zagreb sanction for keeping a dog on a chain amount between 600-2000 HRK (between 80 and 265 euros).


LAW - EXTRACTS

Dogs born after January 2022 should not be chained or otherwise tethered within farms, homes, courtyards/backyards, and any other place used to accommodate them. A few exceptions are provided for operations of cleaning, treatment, and supply of food, as well as for dangerous dogs (dogs that have bitten or injured people). These exceptions do not apply to pregnant or nursing dogs and to puppies under six months. The exceptions also apply to service dogs (police, army, customs, criminal police) and to other pre-defined categories (rescue, herding, hunting, and Alpine service dogs), but only when they perform the work for which they were trained, undergo training, and are supervised by their keepers.
SANCTION
up to € 300

## LAW - EXTRACTS

Slovenia
In Slovenia, dog tethering is still allowed, with two exceptions. Pregnant bitches and puppies with their mother are not allowed to be tethered (chained).
Animal Protection Act (Official Gazette of RS, no. 38/13, 21/18, ZNOrg and 92/90): Provision of Article 7 of APA obliges the keeper of animal to give enough freedom of movement to
animal that is tethered. Rules on pet animal protection (Official Gazette of RS, no. 51/09 and 89/14) further specify the way in which freedom of movement is ensured based of Article 7 of APA. Article 30 sets out conditions under which a dog may be tethered.

SANction
The sanction (according to the article 7 of APA) for natural person is from 200 to 400 EUR and from 800 to 33.000 for legal person. CATALONIA


Legislative Decree 2/2008, of April 15, which approves the revised text of the Law for the Protection of Animals in Catalonia. It is prohibited to keep animals tied up for most of the

SANction
day or permanently limit the movement they need.
For fastening methods: table no. 5
Failure to comply with the provisions of this Decree (2008) is considered mistreatment of companion animals and will be penalized in accordance with what is established in Law 3/1988, of March 4, on the protection of animals, without prejudice to the application of other sectoral regulations that may be applicable.
Violations of Decree 6/1999 (fastening methods) will be classified as mild, serious or very serious depending on the damage caused to the animal. Minor infringements are punished by a fine of EUR 300 to EUR 3.000; the serious ones, with a fine of EUR 3,001 to EUR 9,000, and very serious ones, with a fine of EUR 9,001 to EUR 45,000.

Spain
LALENCIA -EXTRACTS

| It is prohibited: |
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| d) Keeping them tied or caged in |
| improper facilities from the point of |
| view hygienic-sanitary or inadequate |
| for the practice of the necessary |
| care and attention according to their |
| ethological needs, according to race |
| and species. |

SPAIN
SAN - EXTRACTS

Between 501 Euros and 2000 euros.

Table no. 7

## REGULATIONS NON-EU STATES

01 Stгіст proнівтіом

02 WITH SPECIFIC AND
RESTRICTED DEROGATIONS


TO BE REWORKED URGENTLY

03 WITH WIDE SCOPE
DEROGATIONS

04
VAGUE WORDING

NO EXPLICIT
PROHIBITION

06
No LAW

SANCTION YES
X
SANCTION NO
05

NON EU States

USA, CALIFORNIA
United Kingdom
Norway
CANADA
SWITZERLAND


## REGULATIONS NON-EU STATES

LAW - EXTRACTS

## Definitions:

"Reasonable period" means a period of time not to exceed three hours in a 24-hour period, or a time that is otherwise approved by animal control.
LAW:
A (b) No person shall tether, fasten, chain, tie, or restrain a dog, or cause a dog to be tethered, fastened, chained, tied, or restrained, to a dog house, tree, fence, or any other stationary object.
A C: ) Tether, fasten, chain, or tie a dog no longer than is necessary for the person to complete a temporary task that requires the dog to be restrained for a reasonable period ( See above)
(c) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), a person may do any of the following in accordance with Section 597t of the Penal Code:
(1) Attach a dog to a running line, pulley, or trolley system. A dog shall not be tethered to the running line, pulley, or trolley system by means of a choke collar or pinch collar.
(2) Tether, fasten, chain, tie, or otherwise restrain a dog pursuant to the requirements of a camping or recreational area. ((4) Tether, fasten, chain, or tie a dog while engaged in, or actively training for, an activity that is conducted pursuant to a valid license issued by the State of California if the activity for which the license is issued is associated with the use or presence of a dog. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to prohibit a person from restraining a dog while participating in activities or using accommodations that are reasonably associated with the licensed activity.

## SANCTION

## Art. 71 Exercise - Animal Protection Ordinance

1 Dogs must be exercised daily outdoors and according to their needs. As far as possible, they should be able to move unleashed.

2 If they cannot be walked, they must have daily exercise. Staying in a kennel or on a chain does not count as exercise.

3 Tethered dogs must be able to move freely for at least five hours during the day. The rest of the time, they must be able to move in an area of at least 20 m 2 on a chain. They may not be tethered with a pull collar.

## SANCTION

Article 28 of the Animal Protection Act
A fine of up to 20,000 francs shall be imposed, unless Article 26 applies, on anyone who intentionally:
1.
a. disregards the regulations on animal husbandry:
b. ...

Depending on the severity of the act, he may also be convicted of violating Article 26. There, the range of punishment is significantly higher (up to 3 years imprisonment).

