

**The key components of LIBRE's LAW include:**

**Improved tethering conditions for outside dogs**

**No more than 9 hours tethered in 24-hour period.**

**Tether must be the longer of 3 times length of dog or 10 feet.**

**No more than 30 minutes in 90+ or -32-degree weather.**

**Must have water and shade.**

**Must be secured by an appropriate collar no tow or log chain, nor choke, pinch, prong, or chain collars.**

**Tethered space must be clear of excessive waste.**

**No open sores or wounds on the dog's body.**

**Added protections for horses**

**Currently, most crimes against horses are graded as summary offenses similar to traffic and littering violations.**

**This law aligns penalties for crimes against horses with penalties for crimes against dogs and cats.**

**Increased penalties for animal abuse**

**Neglect: Summary offense (up to 90 days in jail and/or a \$300 fine) OR misdemeanor of the third degree (up to 1 year in jail and/or \$2,000 fine) if neglect causes bodily injury or places the animal at imminent risk**

**Cruelty: Misdemeanor of the second degree (up to 2 years in jail and/or a \$5,000 fine)**

**Aggravated cruelty: Felony of the third degree (up to 7 years in jail and/or a \$15,000 fine)**

**Ensures convicted animal abusers forfeit abused animals to a shelter**

**Requires forfeiture of animal of anyone convicted of a felony violation and allows for forfeiture upon other convictions.**

**Grants civil immunity for veterinarians and veterinary technicians**

**Shields licensed doctors of veterinary medicine, technicians, and assistants who report animal cruelty in good faith from lawsuits.**