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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting restraining animals outdoors for longer than three continuous hours.

## Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law 10 of 2011, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§17-197 Restraining animals outdoors. a. (1) No person shall tether, leash, fasten, secure, restrain, chain or tie an animal to a stationary object outdoors, or cause such animal to be so restrained, for longer than three continuous hours [in any continuous twelve-hour period]. (2) Any person who tethers, leashes, fastens, secures, restrains, chains or ties an animal to a stationary object outdoors for a permissible period of time shall provide such animal with adequate food, water and shelter, and shall restrain the animal with a device having swivels at both ends that is of an adequate length for the type and size of animal being restrained, provided,

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however, that the requirement to provide adequate food, water and shelter shall not apply to a person who restrains an animal while completing a task for a period of time that is fifteen minutes or less in duration.

- b. Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision a of this section, no person shall tether, leash, fasten, chain, tie, secure or restrain any animal for any amount of time to a stationary object with a device that:
  - (1) is a choke collar or pinch collar;
  - (2) has weights attached or contains links that are more than one-quarter inch thick;
  - (3) because of its design or placement is likely to become entangled;
  - (4) is long enough to allow the animal to move outside of its owner's property; and
- (5) would allow the restrained animal to move over an object or edge that could result in the strangulation of or injury to such animal.
  - § 2. This local law shall take effect immediately.

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