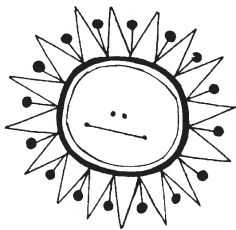
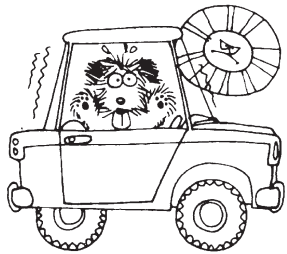


# Remember:

A plastic, wooden or metal doghouse can become a “hot-box” during long summer days; a tarp or trees over the doghouse can provide additional shade for your pet.



Temperatures inside a vehicle, even with the window rolled down, can increase 20 degrees within only a few minutes. **DOGS CAN OVERHEAT QUICKLY.** Don't leave any animal in an unattended vehicle.



Secure water bowls or buckets by tying them to a tree or placing the bowl inside an old tire to prevent your animal from knocking over water.



Always make sure to provide non-hazardous toys like hard plastic or rope for your dog to play with. Remove trash and broken toys from dog's area.



Failure to groom your dog by not removing matted hair or cutting toenails can cause injury and result

in serious health problems for your pet.



Notify local law enforcement if your dog is kept as a guard dog, for a home or business.

Never let a dog ride in the back of an open pickup truck unless it is contained in a well ventilated, secure crate

or carrier. **Dogs can and do fall from pickup trucks.**



## THE MOBILE SPCA

The Mobile Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Mobile SPCA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the welfare of animals. The Society is funded by individual donations, grants, wills, bequests, and memberships and through fund-raising efforts. We do not receive any state or federal funding and are not a United Way agency.

### OUR MISSION

Our mission is the prevention of cruelty to and the relief of suffering of animals.

### OUR POLICY

In fulfilling this mission it is the policy of the Mobile SPCA to promote adoption of shelter and homeless animals and to end the deaths of healthy and treatable shelter animals by 2015; to provide humane care and treatment for animals entrusted to us; to investigate animal cruelty and neglect; to spay and neuter all animals we offer for adoption; to promote and to aid financially spay/neuter in the community; to aid in rescuing animals in emergency situations; to assist in special financial animal-related hardship cases; and to offer educational programs for children and adults.

**These life saving tips are brought to you by the Mobile SPCA. Help save a life. If you see animal negligence and cruelty call 633-3531.**



## Mobile SPCA

620 Zeigler Circle West  
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# 633-3531

The Mobile SPCA is a member of the Maddie's Pet Rescue Project in Mobile County. Maddie's Fund,® The Pet Rescue Foundation, is a family foundation funded by PeopleSoft Founder Dave Duffield and his wife, Cheryl to help create a no-kill nation. The first step is to help develop programs that guarantee loving homes for all healthy shelter dogs and cats throughout the country. The next step will be to save the sick and injured pets in animal shelters nationwide. Maddie's Fund is named after the family's beloved Miniature Schnauzer who passed away in 1997. For more information go to [Maddie-Alabama.org](http://Maddie-Alabama.org) or [maddiesfund.org](http://maddiesfund.org).



# Be A Responsible Dog Owner



# It's the right thing to do and it's the law.

## Shelter Should:

- Be sturdy and well constructed.
- Have four sides, a top and a bottom.
- Be large enough for your dog to turn around and lay down comfortably.
- Provide protection from heat, cold, wind and rain.
- Have clean, dry bedding inside.



## Food Should:

- Be placed in clean containers.
- Be given to your dog at least one time each day.
- Be clean and fresh, not old and moldy.

You should check the bag of food for suggested feeding amounts to be given to the dog based on size or check with your veterinarian. We do not recommend table scraps. **Never give your dog chicken, beef or pork bones.**



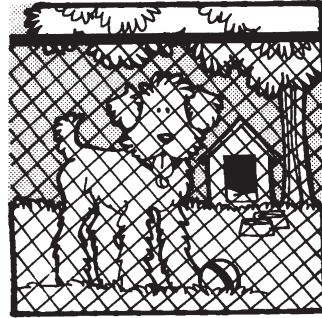
## Water Should:

- Be kept in a clean container (free of rust, mildew or algae) that does not tip or spill.
- Be clean and fresh.
- Be easily accessed and in constant supply.



**Fresh, cool water is important to maintain the health of your dog and should be available to pet AT ALL TIMES.**

## Confinement Issues:



Fenced yards or pens are recommended to restrain your dog.

Runners or chaining a dog is **not recommended**, because animals are easy targets of attacks by other dogs and often get tangled.

If runners are used, use for only a short period of time with supervision. make certain that the area in which your dog is restrained is free of roots, small trees and other items your dog could get tangled in. If you own more than one dog, each dog should be restrained separately to avoid entanglement.

Your dog's collar needs to be adjusted as he grows.

Most municipalities require that female dogs in heat be confined so they do not create a nuisance. Confine them to a building to avoid attracting male dogs.

Area should be cleaned of fecal matter often to avoid illness or disease transmission.

State law requires that all dogs must be confined to owner's property and are not permitted to roam streets, road right-of-way or the property of another person. Failure to comply with this law can result in fines and imprisonment.

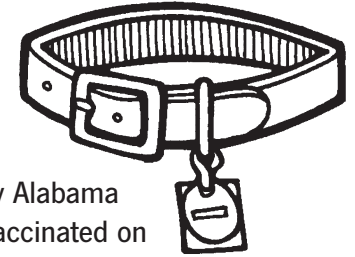
Dogs are only allowed off the owners' property when accompanied by the owner and only when on a leash.



## Rabies Info:

Signs of rabies include unusually aggressive behavior and foaming at the mouth. If you suspect your dog has rabies, immediately confine it and alert an Animal Control Officer.

All dogs and cats must wear the rabies tag given by a veterinarian on its collar at all times.



You are required by Alabama law to have your dog vaccinated on a yearly basis for rabies. Failure to comply with rabies laws can result in fines and imprisonment.

## Medical Care:

If your dog has been injured or shows signs of any illness, including drastic change in body weight, seek medical treatment by a licensed veterinarian.

Failure to provide proper medical care for injuries or illness can result in fines and imprisonment.

Consider spaying/neutering all your animals; low cost surgeries are available.

Spaying/neutering may alleviate unwanted behaviors, decrease the risks of many diseases and help lower the population of unwanted pets.



**If you need spay/neuter assistance, please call the Mobile SPCA at 633-3531.**