

Tethering Your Dog

Tethering is a very useful management technique that controls the movement of the dog in certain situations until he can learn to control himself.

A tether is simply a leash connected to a doorknob, a table leg or an eyebolt in the wall.

Whenever you need your dog to be under more control in a situation, simply tether him.

Its nice to have a dog bed or other matt by his tether place so that he learns that this is the location you would like him to be in.

While tethered, provide chew toys to keep him busy and randomly reward him any time he is quiet or settled there.

Situations you may use a tether:

1. during human meal times
2. when you have a visitor who doesn't care for dogs
3. when you have a delivery at the front door
4. when you want to watch T.V. in peace
5. whenever you want your dog to be quiet and out of the way without banishing him to another room or his crate.

For lots of dogs, tethering is only a tool to reach a goal. Eventually the dog leans to "go to your place" in these situations, especially if he has been heavily rewarded for doing so.