Many dog owners wonder, "How does the Safe Outdoor Dogs Act affect me and my dog?" In most cases, not at all!

The Safe Outdoor Dogs Act does not prevent owners from restraining their dogs outside. The law simply requires that restrained dogs are tethered in a way that keeps them and the people around them safe.

**THE SAFE OUTDOOR DOGS ACT DOES NOT AFFECT:**

- **TROLLEY SYSTEM**: When a dog's restraint is attached to a trolley system along a running line.
- **CAMPING**: When in a public campground/other recreational areas.
- **HERDING/FARMING**: When herding livestock, or assisting with farming tasks.
- **HUNTING**: When hunting or participating in field trials.
- **TRUCK BED**: While temporarily unattended in a stationary, open-air truck bed.

**THE SAFE OUTDOOR DOGS ACT PROHIBITS:**

- **INHUMANE RESTRAINT**: Dogs must have adequate shelter, access to drinkable water, and must not be restrained with chains.

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