

Dogs Deserve Better, Inc.
A Voice for the Silent Victims of the Storm Ravaged South

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As the death toll in the tornado ravaged south continues to mount and President Obama declares the recent severe weather outbreak one of the US's worst disasters in recent history, there is yet an untold story. We often don't hear of animals caught in the cross hairs of natural disasters because animals are blessed with the instincts to detect impending foul weather or imbalances in nature. Wild animals will begin to act differently many hours before a human can detect that any danger is imminent.

This type of behavior can also be seen in our pets. How many dogs will begin to pace or act nervous when overhead is a perfectly blue sky and hours later a terrible thunderstorm, or worse erupts?

Now, imagine these instincts to flee and seek shelter that a dog possess, but the dog can not act on these instincts because they are tied out to a tree or post or a make-shift dog house. These helpless dogs are trapped and cannot flee to escape the impending danger. These dogs are swallowed up by the storm and as the tornado lifts them off the ground. Quickly, violently, their necks are snapped as the chain that binds them remains attached to the tree or whatever had held them. These dogs are the lucky ones because their lives are over in a moment. The others are picked up by the force of the tornado along with what had once held them down and slammed to the ground landing yards or miles away. These hapless victims suffer broken bones and internal injuries from the horrific battering they have just received and are left to suffer and die alone. The same way they have lived.

The practice of tethering dogs is, of course, a passive form of abuse, and is becoming less desirable as more people become aware of this injustice and rally dog owners and lawmakers for proper treatment of dogs and pro-civility/anti-chaining laws.

Dogs Deserve Better, Inc. a non-profit organization dedicated to freeing the chained dog has been instrumental in bringing this problem to light. Any concerned citizen will find their website as a soft place to land and an easy first step in helping guide through the resources that are available to help both dog owner and the worried bystander get help for these dogs. Through various fundraising programs and public awareness campaigns including the annual Chain Off where people chain themselves to doghouses in solidarity while earning donations, Dogs Deserve Better, Inc. has become a voice for these silent victims of tethering.

The plight of these chained dogs is an on-going problem that doesn't start or end with the recent outbreak of storms. But, when the news camera pans miles of leveled buildings and our President speaks of a state of emergency, please take a moment to think about those victims who heard nature's warning before the humans did. The ones who felt the fear but could not escape. The ones who blew away chained to whatever held them every day for years.

In the days ahead as we watch the towns in the south begin to rebuild and make a fresh start, lets take the opportunity to make a new beginning for the dogs that made it through. A life unchained, in freedom to live a life as a companion to man.

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