



CHAINED-DOG ADVOCATES TO TAKE THEIR DOGHOUSE BLUES TO STATE CAPITOLS DURING THE 2011 CHAIN OFF CAMPAIGN

Events Nationwide on State Capitol Steps or Other Locations During the Months of June-July Seek Freedom for Chained Canines

April 18, 2011, Tipton, PA—Dogs Deserve Better, a nonprofit working to bring dogs into the home and family, will feature over 100 advocates chaining themselves to doghouses across the nation and world to highlight the plight of Man's Best Friend during Chain Off 2011: Freedom for Chained Dogs.

Chain Off has been held annually around the 4th of July since 2004 to show that while Americans are celebrating their own freedom, there are tens of thousands of our "Best Friends" in every state who are still not free: America's chained and penned dogs.

The event has evolved from one woman chaining herself to a doghouse in 2004 for 33 hours, to 108 people chaining themselves in locations including Canada and Romania during last year's 2010 Chain Off to raise awareness for chained dogs.

Tamira Thayne, founder of Dogs Deserve Better, states, "We choose dates close to the 4th of July for this event because it symbolizes the Freedom of America, a nation's Independence, and we as citizens of this great country willingly give up our freedom

for 8-24 hours to stand for these precious and neglected animals. We call attention to those who are suffering—dogs who spend their entire lives at the end of a chain or enclosed 24/7 in a small, lonely pen.

"Dogs want nothing more than to be with us, their pack, and leaving them in solitary confinement is damaging to both the dog and the caring neighbors who are forced to witness the neglect."

The group is firming up plans to hold main events on state Capitol steps in Pennsylvania and Tennessee, with many more planned locations in the works.

Laws against chaining dogs for life are a growing trend in America, with four states successfully enacting time limits on chaining, and over 200 cities and counties nationwide setting similar limits or bans.

See the website at www.dogsdeservebetter.org for complete Chain Off 2011 information and a growing list of locations or to sponsor the nationwide event.

Dogs Deserve Better is a 501c3 nonprofit organization headquartered in Tipton, Pennsylvania, is the 2010 First Place Winner of the American Dog Humanitarian Awards "Voice for Ending the Chaining of Dogs," and currently has over 100 area reps in 32 states as well as in Canada.

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