

# Tie-Out Safety Tips for Secure Outdoor Adventures

Keeping your dog safe on a tie-out starts with choosing the right setup and using it intentionally. These quick tips help ensure your pup enjoys freedom *and* protection during outdoor time.

## ✓ **Choose the Right Length for the Space**

Select a cable length that gives your dog room to explore without reaching hazards like roads, decks, grills, or pools.

## ✓ **Always Use a Strong, Secure Anchor Point**

Attach the tie-out to a sturdy stake, tree, or fixed structure that can withstand pulling from your dog's size and strength.

## ✓ **Check for Tangles and Obstacles**

Before each use, clear the area of furniture, posts, or sharp edges that could snag the cable or create unsafe tension.

## ✓ **Use a Harness for Added Neck Safety**

Pairing the tie-out with a well-fitted harness reduces strain on the neck during sudden movements or excitement.

## ✓ **Inspect the Cable Regularly**

Look for fraying, rust, or chew marks. Replace the cable at the first sign of wear to maintain reliable containment.

## ✓ **Provide Shade, Water, and Supervision**

Tie-outs are not a substitute for supervision. Keep your dog within sight and ensure they have access to shade and fresh water.

## ✓ **Avoid Extreme Weather Conditions**

Do not use tie-outs during storms, high heat, or freezing temperatures. Environmental stress can increase risk and discomfort.

**✓ Never Use Tie-Outs with Puppies or Toy Breeds**

Very small dogs can be injured by sudden tension. Choose gentler containment options for tiny or young pups.