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There are new comments from a https://www.buncombecounty.org/letstalk user.

Let's Talk

This email was received from a user of the Buncombe County Website.

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Subject:
Outdoor dog laws in Buncombe County
Questions / Comments:

I hope this concern finds the appropriate person(s). The issue at hand is personal to me and my family - we live near a household who have two female pitbulls chained up outside 24/7. They are NOT cared for whatsoever, they are rarely fed, never have water, and receive absolutely no acknowledgement of their existence by the "owners" of these poor animals. When they are begging for food/attention/shelter, they are yelled at or ignored (just depends on the day of the week). One of the dogs has a tendency to slip off the industrial weight chain she is tied to on occasion - when she does, her loyal instincts direct her to the backdoor of this dreadful home - where they immediately yank her by the collar and drag her back to her chain (while hitting, smacking, and screaming at her).
I personally have called animal services several times - officers have come out - and repeatedly state "there is nothing they can do"
Because of the MINIMAL standards Buncombe County enforces for outside dog care, these miserable people aren't violating the law.
This is beyond absurd and the law needs to be changed. These two dogs are not cared for in any since of the meaning - their shelter from the elements is NOT shelter from the elements. Neither igloo is elevated off of the ground, meaning when it rains, they sit in rain, when it snows, they sit in snow/ice, when it's scorching hot outside, they might as well just give up on living.
Unfortunately, these two dogs are not the only ones that "live" this way....the OUTDATED and despicable standards Buncombe county has in place for outdoor/chained up dogs needs to be revamped.
I am pleading to have the law changed immediately.
I will gladly have a petition signed by the citizens of Buncombe County if that's what it takes; however, it should be noted that the basic rights for animals is not being met with the current lackadaisical standards for being able to keep a life chained up in your yard.

Please email me directly with a response. Thank you.