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### **DOG GROUP SETS PLANS FOR JULY 4TH EVENT ENTITLED "UNCHAIN THE 50!"**

**Nonprofit seeks one person per state to live chained  
to doghouse for 8-24 hours over the Independence Day Holiday**

May 2, 2007, Altoona, PA—Dogs Deserve Better, a nonprofit working to bring dogs into the home and family, has finalized plans for its *Chain Off 2007: Unchain the 50!* Event, which will take place between June 30th and July 7th, 2007. During this Event the group seeks Freedom for Chained Dogs in every state in the nation. They need at least one volunteer per state to live chained to a doghouse for 8-24 hours in order to raise awareness for the state's less-fortunate dogs.

Tammy S. Grimes, founder of Dogs Deserve Better, states, "We chose July 4th for this event because it symbolizes the Freedom of America. Yet we call attention to those who are still not free—dogs who live their entire lives on the end of a chain, enclosed 24/7 in a small, lonely pen.

The nature of a dog is such that living away from its family, its pack, is detrimental to its very existence. A dog wants nothing more in life than to be with you."

The Dogs Deserve Better Chain Off, held every July 4th for the past 5 years, has evolved from one woman chaining herself to a doghouse for 33 hours in Pennsylvania in 2004, to 11 contestants chaining themselves for as long as 13 days to win a new car in 2006.

The group is firming up plans to hold its main *Unchain the 50!* Event in Atlanta, Georgia, an area whose advocates have been most successful in the past two years winning county bids for law changes.

Laws against chaining dogs for life are a growing trend in America, with California passing a law in late 2006 limiting tethering to 3 hours a day, and over 100 cities and counties nationwide winning laws limiting or banning tethering in the past five years.

See the website at [www.dogsdeservebetter.org/chainoff2007.html](http://www.dogsdeservebetter.org/chainoff2007.html) for complete *Unchain the 50!* 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 2003 First Place Winner of the ASPCA Pet Protector Award, and currently has over 150 area reps in 38 states as well as in Canada and France.

