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**DOG FROZEN TO DEATH ON CHAIN—
A SIGNAL IT'S TIME TO STOP THE CRUELTY**

Dogs Deserve Better Urges Citizens to Stop Tolerating Negligence in Their Community

"Although a determination of cause of death will be made during a necropsy tomorrow, with the extreme cold, our suspicion is that the dog died as a result of being outside in this weather," Animal Control Director Harold Domer said Sunday in Thurmont, Marland. "Mr. Domer emphasized that any time weather conditions outside -- temperatures or wind chill -- dip to the freezing mark, animals should be sheltered inside."

This scenario is repeating itself across America with dogs whose stories will never be told and whose deaths will go unmourned and unjustified.

Dogs Deserve Better, a nonprofit working to bring dogs into the home and family, implores those with dogs chained or penned to bring them into the home and family, and urges all citizens to stop tolerating this treatment of dogs in their neighborhoods. The dog's life depends on it.

Dogs Deserve Better vows to help any caretaker who agrees to bring his/her dog into the home and family. The organization will find volunteers to help with housetraining, purchase a crate for housetraining use, or donate fencing as funding permits.

They also urge all citizens to contact local tv and radio stations as a reminder to call for dogs to be brought out of the cold, and to ask these stations to run a free Public Service Announcement donated by Dogs Deserve Better.

The group has designated Valentine's Week, February 7-14th, "Have a Heart for Chained Dogs Week," and will deliver a Valentine, a brochure and a treat to dogs living outside all over the U.S. and into other countries where they have representation.

Tammy Grimes, founder of Dogs Deserve Better, states "I am in mourning for the senseless loss of the life of this dog, as well as the other nameless, faceless dogs dying in this cold. I ask everyone to stand in your community; notify lawmakers that we need better laws, notify TV stations and schools that we need more education, and gather all addresses for chained and penned dogs for our Valentine campaign. We must act together to stop the senseless loss of life due to the negligence of chaining."

To learn more about helping and to send a valentine, visit the site at www.dogsdeservebetter.org.

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