



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE TO THE PRESS

20 August, 2004

**APPEAL FOR NATIONAL LAW AGAINST  
CHAINING DOGS FOR LIFE SENT TO THE WHITE HOUSE**

**Package includes Poster of Spot Asking President Bush  
to help her Brothers and Sisters Living Chained Outside**

Contact:

**Tammy S. Grimes, Founder, Dogs Deserve Better, Inc.  
P.O. Box 23, Tipton, PA 16684 • 1.877.636.1408 or 814.941.7447  
www.dogsdeservebetter.com • Tammy@dogsdeservebetter.com**

Dogs Deserve Better, an ASPCA award-winning organization working to get dogs off chains and into the home and family, has sent an appeal to the White House and President Bush calling for a national law against chaining dogs for life. The organization has been working for chained and penned dogs since August 2002, and joins the Humane Society of the United States, ASPCA, PETA, Best Friends, many local animal organizations, and animal experts such as Dr. Marty Becker and Merritt Clifton in condemning the practice of chaining and penning dogs for life.

The package includes a national petition of 6169 signatures, a representative sampling of people from every state in the nation, who are in favor of prohibiting or severely limiting chaining time for dogs.

Chaining is not only inhumane for dogs, but has taken a severe toll on this nation's children too. In the period from last October until this month, there have been 16 children killed or seriously injured by chained dogs across the country. Chained dogs, unsocialized with humans, can become very territorial of their tiny space, and any two year old who wanders into this space can be attacked and killed before adults can intervene. A recent attack in July of 2004 led to the death of 2 year old Patricia J. Anderson in Cook County, Georgia. Patricia was attacked and killed by a bulldog mix chained behind the house of a family friend.



Austria is the latest nation to ban the chaining of dogs, completely prohibiting the practice. Connecticut is the first state in the nation to limit chaining, and Hawaii currently has a bill in committee. There are at least 50 communities or counties in at least 26 states with limits on chaining.

Tammy Grimes, founder of Dogs Deserve Better, feels a national law would more quickly end the suffering of both children and dogs. “There are many areas, big cities such as Los Angeles and Albuquerque, that are working on severely limiting or banning chaining, and we’re confident more will follow suit. However, if the federal government stepped in for a national law such as Austria has, many lives—both our small children and our faithful companions—would be spared.”

The package to the White House also includes 10 posters of Spot, President Bush’s beloved dog, asking him to consider her chained and penned companions. Articles, with photos of children attacked and killed are included, as well as a list of all those communities limiting or banning chaining. Finally, a CD montage of chained dog photos shows quite clearly the daily life of a dog sentenced to life on the end of a chain or imprisoned within four tiny walls.

For more information on Dogs Deserve Better programs to help bring dogs into the home and family, visit the website at [www.dogsdeservebetter.com](http://www.dogsdeservebetter.com), or call 1.877.636.1408.

Tammy S. Grimes, Founder, Dogs Deserve Better, Inc.  
P.O. Box 23, Tipton, PA 16684 • 1.877.636.1408 or 814.941.7447  
[www.dogsdeservebetter.com](http://www.dogsdeservebetter.com) • [Tammy@dogsdeservebetter.com](mailto:Tammy@dogsdeservebetter.com)