



WHAT THE SAFE OUTDOOR DOGS ACT DOES

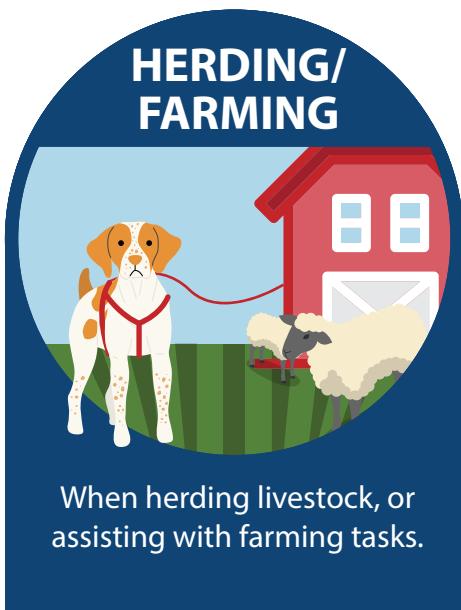


In 2021, the Texas Legislature passed SB 5 - the Safe Outdoor Dogs Act - to protect unattended dogs restrained outdoors.

HOW SB 5 PROTECTS DOGS AND IMPROVES PUBLIC SAFETY

- **Defines adequate shelter** to protect dogs from exposure to extreme temperatures, standing water and ensures the dog can stand, turn around, and lie down.
- Requires **access to drinkable water**.
- **Prohibits the use of chain restraints** which cause pain and injuries.
- **Strikes the 24-hour waiting period** so animal services and law enforcement can take immediate action for dogs in distress.

KEY EXEMPTIONS:



When herding livestock, or assisting with farming tasks.



When hunting or field trialing.



While temporarily unattended in a stationary, open-air truck bed.

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