

2365 Judson Street  
San Diego, California

City Council  
City of San Diego

Gentlemen:

May I present the following arguments against passage of an ordinance requiring all dogs to be kept on leash:

1. The present ordinance requiring licenses and vaccinations makes it possible for the city to pick up all stray dogs and dogs which are not cared for. Vicious dogs also are controlled by this ordinance.
2. With the present labor shortage, the city should not be burdened with additional responsibilities requiring use of personnel for any but essential tasks.
3. With the present rubber shortage, the city should not add any unnecessary mileage to motor vehicles.
4. Many homes in San Diego do not have a fenced area where a dog could run. Even if labor and materials for such fences were available, it is not altogether helpful to the war effort to use them for such purposes at this time.
5. Large dogs break or chew ropes and must have stout chains if they are to be kept tied. Such chains are not available at this time.
6. For lack of better means of confinement many dogs would have to be kept indoors, possibly while their owners are at work. This would be bad for the health of the dog and would not contribute to improved sanitation in congested housing areas.

7. Dogs must have exercise. Many people have little leisure time and will find "walking" their dogs a burden to an already busy life.

8. Some people will lose their dogs because they are unable to keep them up. Some of these people will be men in the service who will expect to find Rover waiting on the doorstep when they come home from war.

In conclusion, may I add that the damage caused by dogs is small compared to the comfort man derives from the loyalty of a faithful beast. Dogs are part of the American way of life.

I know how much trouble it is to keep a dog from roaming and see that he gets sufficient exercise because I do not permit mine to run free. I also know many people who in no sense of the word neglect their pets still would not have any way to control their pets in the way which would be necessary if this ordinance is passed. Can't we wait until life is less complex to add this restriction?

Yours truly,

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