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Your City at Work: Teach an Old Dog New Tricks
New Episode on Government Channel 11

PADUCAH, KY— People love their pets, and Paducah is a pet-friendly city. However, there are rules in place to make sure the public and the animals are safe. This episode of *Your City at Work* focuses on the City of Paducah dog ordinance and its history. Paducah's dog ordinance can be found by visiting www.paducahky.gov. Click "Ordinance" at the top of the homepage and search "dogs."

During the first segment of the episode, Public Information Officer Pam Spencer interviews Patience Renzulli, Paducah Kennel Club President. In 2002, Renzulli participated on a ten-member committee that drafted several sections of the City's current dog ordinance. Renzulli says, in her opinion, the most important part of the city's ordinance is Chapter 14, section 14-34. This section outlines the minimum enclosure and chaining requirements for confining dogs. Renzulli says a proper enclosure or tether that allows the animal to move without becoming tangled is vital to the dog's emotional health. Renzulli then discusses the section of the ordinance that defines a dangerous dog.

City Commissioner Gayle Kaler also was a member of the committee that drafted the city's dog ordinance in 2002. As Commissioner, Kaler says she often receives complaints that people are not picking up after their pet. Kaler reminds the public that picking up and properly disposing of your pet's feces is required by the City's ordinance. The person in charge of the dog needs pick up after the dog if it makes a "deposit" on public property on any private property without the permission of the property owner.

Pets are allowed at city-sponsored community events such as parades and Downtown After Dinner; however, to make sure that the public is safe, the City's dog ordinance lists three requirements. The dog must be

1. licensed by McCracken County Animal Control or by any other state or county;
2. restrained by a leash or other lead that is no longer than three feet; and
3. restrained by an open-ended muzzle.

Renzulli shows viewers the proper type of dog muzzle and using her dog, Sam, demonstrates how to get a dog accustomed to using a muzzle.



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Your City at Work: Teach an Old Dog New Tricks is hosted and produced by Pam Spencer, Public Information Officer for the City of Paducah. Dan Sheppard of West Kentucky Community and Technical College is the photographer, director, and editor. For more information about *Your City at Work* or other Government 11 programming, call Tom Butler, Television Production Coordinator at WKCTC, at 534-3208 or Pam Spencer at 444-8669.

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