AN ACT to:

(1) clarify that certain practices involving the unattended restraint of a dog violate State and County laws against cruelty toward animals;
(2) generally amend County law regarding the humane treatment of animals.

By amending
Montgomery County Code
Chapter 5, Animal Control
Section 5-201

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:
Section 1. Section 5-201 of the County Code is amended as follows:

5-201. Cruelty.

(a) Violation. A person must not violate State laws against cruelty to animals, such as by:

(1) violating general prohibitions against cruelty (Md. Code, Article 27, § 59), including restraining a dog by a rope, tether, chain, or similar device attached to a fixed anchoring, without the presence of a responsible individual;

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(b) Regulations. The County Executive may issue regulations, consistent with State law, to interpret and implement State anti-cruelty laws in the County. Any regulations issued under this subsection must be consistent with the specific prohibition described in subsection (a)(1).

Sec. 2. Regulations; Transition.

A regulation that implements Chapter 5 continues in effect, except to the extent it is inconsistent with this Act or the regulation is repealed or amended.

Approved:

Blair G. Ewing, President, County Council

Approved:

Douglas M. Duncan, County Executive

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Mary A. Edgar, CMC, Clerk of the Council