



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE TO THE PRESS DOGS DESERVE BETTER ANNOUNCES CHAIN OFF 2004

Founder to be Chained to Doghouse for 33 Hours, \$250.00 Prize for Best 'Makeover' Photos

Dogs Deserve Better, a national nonprofit working to get dogs off chains, out of pens, and into the family, announces its second annual Chain Off event to take place July 3-4, 2004, as the country celebrates the Freedom of America. **During this time Dogs Deserve Better calls attention to those who are still not free—dogs who live their entire lives on the end of a chain or enclosed in a pen.**

To raise awareness for the plight of chained and penned dogs, the founder, Tammy Sneath Grimes will be **chained to a doghouse in State College, PA for 33 hours**, from 8:00 a.m. July 3rd through 5:00 p.m. July 4th. Says Grimes, "There are many people in America who don't even know this goes on, or don't believe these dogs live out there for their entire lives. My hope is to bring this national problem to their attention. Everyone needs to know how chained and penned dogs live, and everyone who knows the loving nature of a dog needs to take a stand against it."

The first eight hours of Grimes chaining will take place in the lot next to **Snowball, a white dog in State College, PA who has lived chained for 15 years**. Many people have tried to give him a better life, but without laws to protect him, he continues to live chained there to this day. "We hope to highlight the plight of Snowball and others like him. No one should be allowed to force a dog to live as Snowball has. America is the land of the free, and yet we continue to imprison man's best friend."

Dogs are pack animals. In the absence of the pack of long ago, humans have become their pack. **When they are isolated from the pack, they suffer both mentally and physically. Many dogs have even been found with collars embedded in their necks**, the result of years of neglect at the end of a chain. And many dogs have starved or frozen to death on the end of these chains.

During Chain Off 2004, Dogs Deserve Better asks all dog caretakers with dogs living chained or penned outside to take Fido out of the backyard for **JUST THIS ONE DAY!** To give him one day of freedom, one day to be man's best friend.

Bring her into the home. Take her for a walk on a leash. Give her a bath! Allow her to show what a great companion she can be.

Dogs Deserve Better will award **\$250.00!\*** for the best 'makeover' photos of a dog off chains/out of the pen and having fun for the day.\* (Caregiver must provide before photos of chained or penned as well as after photos. See website for contest rules.)

Tammy Grimes states, "Our sincere wish is that after seeing Fido with their heart as well as their eyes, they will know he belongs with the family, his pack, and not left alone in the backyard for life."

\*Send photos to [info@dogsdeservebetter.com](mailto:info@dogsdeservebetter.com) or P.O. Box 23, Tipton, PA 16684.  
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