

Why I Don't Recommend Retractable Leashes

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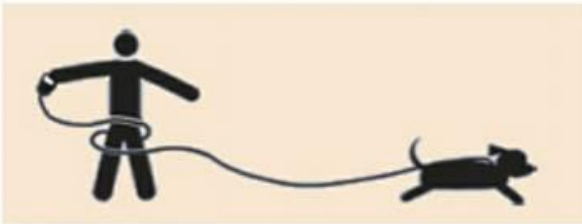
1. The length of retractable leashes, some of which can extend up to 26 feet, allows dogs to get far enough away from their humans that a situation can quickly turn dangerous. A dog on a retractable leash is often able to run into the middle of the street.
2. When leash is extended over 6-8 ft. its nearly impossible to regain control of – or protect -- your dog at the end. Use a six-eight foot standard flat leash.
3. The thin cord of a retractable leash **can break** – especially when a powerful dog is on the other end of it. If a strong, good-sized dog takes off at full speed, the cord can snap. Not only can that put the dog and whatever he may be chasing in danger, **but also the cord can snap back and injure the human** at the other end.
4. If a dog gets someone tangled up in the cord of a retractable leash, or the person grabs it in an attempt to reel in the dog, it can result in **burns, cuts, and even amputation**. In addition, many people have been pulled right off their feet by a dog that reaches the end of the leash and keeps going. **This can result in bruises, "road rash," broken bones, and worse.**



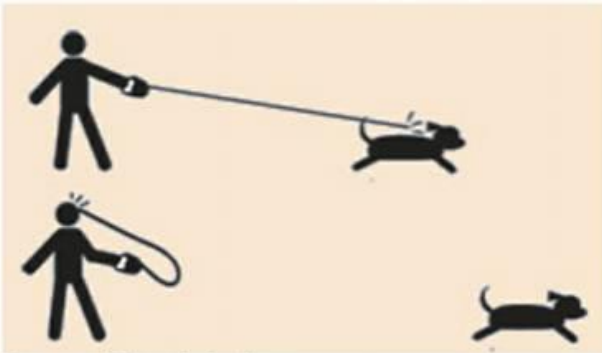
Retractable Leash Injuries



Finger amputations and fractures (OMD)



Cuts and burns



Eye and face injuries



Injuries to bystanders



Falls