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Delray Beach, FL – This week, **Representative Emily Slosberg (D–Boca Raton)** filed **HB 177**, which bans the unattended tethering of domestic dogs and cats as a means of confinement. The bill requires that tethered animals be attended and supervised at all times for their safety and wellbeing, and provides penalties for violations.

“Unfortunately, we have repeatedly seen dogs and cats tethered in inhumane conditions across the state. Many are kept in deplorable conditions for their entire lives. Imagine living your entire life chained up, without clean water, without social contact,” **Representative Slosberg** said. “This bill is crucial to fighting these cruel living conditions and creating safer environments for the animals we love the most.”

Renee Rivard, the Legislative Representative for The League of Humane Voters’ Florida Chapter stated: “Countless chained dogs have strangled themselves and died from heat exhaustion, not to mention the neglect of living on a chain 24/7. The two goals that we want to accomplish with an anti-dog chaining law are public safety and safety for the dog. A law that requires an able bodied person to be present while the dog is tethered will prevent the tragedies and neglect we have seen.”

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