The object of this invention is to provide a simple effective construction which shall comprise a feeding or watering receptacle and an anchor or tie post for dogs or other small animals. The objects include the provision of a device by which the receptacle may be removably mounted upon the anchor post, by means of a socket connection which shall serve for the attachment of a swivel ring, and which socket member may facilitate readily driving the post in the ground. Specific objects include so connecting the swivel ring with a flanged socket at the top of the post that the attaching means may be prevented from dislodging the receptacle while being permitted freedom to turn.

Various other objects and advantages will become apparent in the following description which relates to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 shows the tie post and receptacle in position in the ground;

Fig. 2 is an enlarged side elevation of the tie post and receptacle;

Fig. 3 is a detail, at about full-size scale, partly in section at the upper end of the post;

Fig. 4 is a transverse section through the flanged swivel ring of Fig. 3, showing the position of the ring and tether snap;

Fig. 5 is a vertical axial section, on a scale about one-half actual size, through the receptacle showing its positioning pin;

Fig. 6 is a section similar to Fig. 3, showing a slightly modified form of the flanged swivel sleeve at the top of the post;

Fig. 7 is a horizontal section through the same, showing a modified form of swivel ring.

Referring to the parts by the use of reference characters, 1 designates the metal rod, preferably round, and having a pointed end 2 adapted to be driven into the ground for, say, a foot to a foot and a half, or more.

A flange spoon-like member comprising a cylindrical portion 5 and upper and lower flanges 6 and 7 embraces the upper end of the rod 1 for a substantial distance and is suitably secured thereto as by welding, brazing, or the like.

It will be noted that the post 1 projects only part of the distance upwardly into the cylindrical member 5, leaving a recess 8 which is adapted to receive a peg 10 rigidly secured to the center of the bottom of a bowl-shaped receptacle 12.

Surrounding the swivel member 5 between the flanges 6 and 7 is a swivel ring 15 to which may be attached the end of a tether rope 21 by any suitable means, such as a snap member 20. The size of this ring is such that it may permit the convenient engagement of this snap, but one of the flanges 6 or 7 may be formed after the ring is in position, preventing its removal. As an alternative, this ring 15 may be a split ring and be sprung to a closed position or welded in the form of a ring after placing it between the flanges.

To prevent excessive wear on the bottom of the feeding or water bowl from contact with the snap 20, I may provide a guard 13, also arranged to strengthen the peg connection 10.

It will be seen that the flange 7 provides a flat driving surface by which the post may be conveniently driven into the ground, and the lower flange may limit the driving action as it engages the top of the ground or on the post, leaving the swivel spoon member free from dirt or surrounding grass. Thus, the tethered animal may be free to circle the post with his tether taut or loose and with a minimum of likelihood of loosening the post.

Obviously, the post may be used with or without the watering or feeding bowl and may be readily removed and placed at different positions when desired.

In the modified form shown in Fig. 6, the swivel sleeve 35, corresponding to member 5 of the first embodiment may be formed as a machined part, for example, by drilling the solid rod and cutting a reduced portion intermediate the ends, leaving flanges 36 and 37, which are of smaller diameter than the flanges 6 and 7, for economy of material.

In this case, in order to assure the swivel ring or loop maintaining a loose engagement by being held between the flanges, I form the loop with a circular portion 45 joining an elongated laterally extending loop 46, preferably turned upwardly slightly at an angle, as shown in Fig. 6, and adapted to receive the end of the tether or the snap 20, as before.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

1. The combination of a feeding or watering receptacle and anchor tie post for pet animals, the receptacle comprising an upwardly opening flaring bowl having a downwardly projecting peg rigidly affixed thereto, the post comprising a straight rod having a pointed lower end, a spoon-like member fitted over and rigidly attached to the top of the post and projecting upwardly therefrom to form a socket for receiving the peg to support the receptacle, and a loop member loosely fitted around the body of the spoon-like
member and providing a space to receive a tether connection.

2. In a feeding and tie post device, the combination with a straight metallic post adapted to be driven into the ground, a sleeve closely fitted and affixed to the upper end of the post and projecting upwardly therefrom, said sleeve being provided with flanges at its ends and forming a socket, a feeding dish having a reinforcing member and a peg affixed to the bottom thereof, said peg being adapted to fit removably into the upper portion of the sleeve, and a closed loop member surrounding the sleeve and shaped to be retained by the flanges and to receive a tether hook.

3. The construction described in claim 2 in which said loop comprises a partially circular portion loosely embracing the sleeve and having a lateral extension to receive said hook.

4. The structure described in claim 2 in which said sleeve comprises a unitary cylindrical metal member having flanges extending at right angles to the axis for a distance substantially equal to the thickness of the post whereby the lower flange may limit the driving into the ground, the loop member being a ring substantially larger than the sleeve and which may loosely embrace the sleeve while being retained by the flanges.

5. In a tethering and feeding device for pets, the combination of a rod-like metal post having pointed lower ends and a round upper end, a metallic sleeve member substantially spool-shaped extending over and secured to the upper end of the post while projecting upwardly therefrom to form a socket, said sleeve member having flanges at its upper and lower ends, a ring member having a portion loosely fitting around the sleeve and having a laterally extending loop adapted to receive a snap hook of a tether, a bowl-shaped dish of metal, a reinforcing plate and a peg secured to the dish and plate and adapted to project into and fit within the upper portion of the sleeve to removably support the dish.

6. In a tethering and feeding device for pets, the combination of a rod-like metal post having pointed lower ends and a round upper end, a sleeve member substantially spool-shaped extending over and secured to the upper end of the post while projecting upwardly therefrom to form a socket, said sleeve member having flanges at its upper and lower ends, a tether securing member having a portion loosely fitting around the sleeve, and a bowl-shaped dish of metal having a convex base portion, a reinforcing plate at the bottom thereof, and a peg secured to the dish and plate and adapted to project into and fit within the upper portion of the sleeve to removably support the dish.

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