

Barking Dogs:

Frequently Asked Questions

Fact Sheet 2

Environmental Protection Act 1990

Constant barking can be avoided

If you are notified that your dog is barking excessively;

1. Firstly contact your veterinary surgeon to ensure that there is no medical reason for your dogs behaviour.
2. If you have to leave your dog, start by leaving him or her for short periods, building this up so they get used to it.
3. Some dogs like the sound of the human voice on a radio played at a low volume.
4. Try treat feeders, available from all good pet stores, to keep your pet occupied and prevent boredom.
5. Feed and exercise your dog BEFORE you go out to encourage it to sleep.
6. See if any neighbours or friends could call by when you are out to let your dog out or take them for a walk.
7. Some dogs bark in response to things they see, such as people walking past in the street. Consider a location away from such stimuli or remove the stimuli by drawing curtains or moving them to another room.
8. Some dogs benefit from the services of an animal behaviourist.
9. Some dogs can benefit from humane anti barking devices, but these should be used correctly and carefully.

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