

Effective & Positive Training

The Humane Society believes strongly in positive reinforcement with treats and praise. All who share your home must use consistent training methods when your dog is quiet. Reinforce good behavior by saying, "Good dog – Quiet."

Punishment is least effective as it may worsen problems or create a new fear-based issue. Keeping calm and assertive reinforces your leadership with your dog. Giving him a short timeout to redirect his attention and to separate him briefly from the family can also be effective.



Anti-Bark Collars

Citronella anti-bark collars work by dispensing a spritz of scent that's considered unpleasant to dogs. This interrupts their barking. The collars can be purchased at the Humane Society. When available, a collar can also be loaned to you for two weeks. Call 356-2218.

Shock collars are not recommended and may cause pain and create other behavioral problems.

About the Law

It's against City & County of Honolulu law for a dog to bark constantly for 10 minutes or 30 minutes on and off to the disturbance of others. The Humane Society helps to resolve complaints by working with pet owners on how to remedy the situation. Quiet neighborhoods are important for all. Unresolved, persistent barking can lead to fines and court appearances.



About Us

Hawaiian Humane Society is the only animal welfare organization that shelters, rescues, adopts and welcomes all animals on Oahu. As an independent, local non-profit organization, we receive no funding from organizations such as HSUS or ASPCA.



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All About Barking

Reasons & Resolution



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Why Dogs Bark

Barking is the way dogs communicate their thoughts, feelings and needs. Here are just a few of the many reasons why your canine may be sounding off:

- To notify you of potential danger or something out of the ordinary.
- To fend off a perceived aggressor or trespasser.
- To let you know he's bored, needs exercise and attention or is feeling lonely.
- To tell you he's hurt or scared.
- To advise that he's hungry or thirsty.
- To join other dogs barking nearby.



Exercise as a Remedy

Dogs that need exercise often bark to release tension; tired ones rarely bark excessively.

You can help by enjoying a long walk together before you leave home. Or make it part of your daily routine to visit a community dog park. Visit hawaiianhumane.org for a list of parks and beaches that welcome dogs.

Home Alone

Here are some tips to keep your dog comfortable and quiet when you're away.

Housing your dog indoors is truly where he's happiest. Treat-filled toys and a radio help fight boredom. Another option is to have a pet door for indoor/outdoor access. Creating comfortable quarters in the garage, backyard or other areas – away from traffic and distractions – can work, too. If you must keep your dog outside and you have the option to select fencing, choose a solid one where he can't easily view distractions.



Be a Good Neighbor

A good relationship with your neighbors helps to prevent and resolve barking issues. Ask neighbors if they ever hear your dog barking. They will appreciate your concern and be more likely to let you know before it becomes an issue. When you change schedules, move, or get new pets, let your neighbors know.

