

# Roosters and Other Critters

Roosters and other birds and animals can be nuisances too. The sound of them may be a delight to owners, but a problem for their neighbors. Anyone that lives in an area zoned for residential use who keeps any animal that habitually barks, crows, whines or makes other loud or unusual noises, regardless of the time, and if it interferes with the reasonable enjoyment of a persons property by a person of ordinary sens-



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... can be given a citation.

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# NUISANCE BARKING

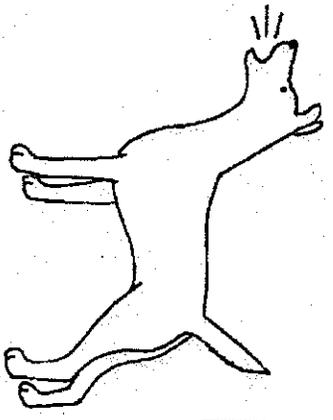
Thank you for controlling your dog's barking.



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## Reasons For Nuisance Barking

### ISOLATION OR FRUSTRATION

Some dogs bark because they are bored or lonely and they have no outlets for their energy like toys or playmates. Others may be alone for long periods of time and bark for attention.

### TERRITORIAL BEHAVIOR

Dogs often bark at the presence of "intruders". This might include the mail carrier, children playing in the street, or the next door neighbors.

### FEARS OR ANXIETY



Sometimes anxious dogs bark because of loud noises like thunderstorms or fire crackers. Others have separation anxiety and continuous barking starts after their owner leaves. A recent change of residence, the loss of a family member or another family pet can trigger this behavior in some dogs.

## DOGS ON DUTY

The family dog can be a valuable asset as a protector of the family home. His barking can signal a dangerous intruder or a pesky squirrel. The problem begins when a dog begins excessive barking at



the normal activities in his/her neighborhood to a point where neighbors cannot enjoy their yard or a full night of sleep because of him.

The first thing owners should do is observe when and for how long their dog barks. It may take some detective work to determine what is causing the barking.

If the barking is occurring when the owner is not at home they can set up a tape recorder or ask neighbors to let them know if their dog's barking becomes a problem.

## What You Can Do To Stop Nuisance Barking

- ◆ Verbally command him to be quiet and reward him when he stops.
- ◆ Make sure he has plenty of time with you.
- ◆ Provide him with playmates and toys.
- ◆ Make sure he has plenty of exercise.
- ◆ If stray animals are the cause, request a trap from the Animal Control Dept.
- ◆ Bring him indoors.
- ◆ Try a citronella barking collar.
- ◆ Take him to a friend's home or to a kennel if you are going to be gone for an extended period of time.
- ◆ Ask your veterinarian about behavior modification.

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