

## What Can You Do About Your Barking Dog?

- Determine what causes the dog to bark.
- Dogs are less likely to bark if a barrier blocks their view.
- Be alert to stop the barking as soon as it starts.
- Train your dog to respond to a command to be quiet.
- Reward your dog whenever it barks for a watch dog reason.
- Don't leave an animal unattended for long periods of time.
- Encourage your dog to stay quietly within its quarters when you are away.

## Breaking a Bad Habit

The best cure for the barking habit is prevention early in the dog's life. If a dog already has a barking habit, then you must make efforts to correct the situation.

- Whatever training method you choose, be consistent and persistent with the animal.
- Simple scolding and punishment may be sufficient.
- When left alone in a house, help the loneliness by leaving a radio on.
- To help either an indoor or outdoor dog with boredom, be sure to have some toys available for amusement.
- Don't make a big thing out of leaving or returning home, as an overly excited dog is more likely to bark.

You may consider taking the animal to an

obedience training school if the dog requires a more experienced trainer. Your dog will soon learn that his silence pleases you.

Be a good dog owner and a good neighbor!

## Important Phone Numbers

### Dogs At Large

Rabies/Animal Control (602) 506-7387

### Vicious Dogs

City Court (623) 930-2400

### Licensing

Rabies/Animal Control (602) 506-7387

### Barking Dogs

City of Glendale (623) 930-3610

### Odor/Smell

City of Glendale (623) 930-3610

### Dead Animals

City of Glendale (623) 930-2601

### Injured/Sick Animals

AZ Humane Society (602) 997-7585

### Animal Abuse

Sheriff's Animal Cruelty Hotline (602) 876-1681



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- **Barking Dog Guidelines**





## City of Glendale

### Code Compliance Department

*Glendale City Code states that “No person shall keep or harbor any animal that by frequent or habitual barking, howling, yelping, crowing or the making of other noises disturbs the peace and quiet of two or more independent witnesses who are not related.”*

Because you are a dog owner, you know the companionship, loyalty, love and fun that your dog adds to your life. But, you also must realize that you have a certain responsibility towards your neighbors as a result of owning a dog.

## Your Dog is Your Responsibility

The security of knowing you have a real watchdog, as well as enjoying a peaceful and quiet neighborhood, is important to many people. But, owners are sometimes insensitive or even unaware to the barking of their own dog. Put yourself in your neighbor’s place to see

how your dog’s habits affect them. Excessive barking can be extremely annoying to neighbors as well as those who have to live with a noisy dog.

## To Be a Good Neighbor, Learn the Advantages and Disadvantages of a Barking Dog

What is **GOOD** about a barking dog?

- Alerts owners of potential problems
- Warns owners of a stranger’s presence
- Alerts neighbors of intruders when you’re not home
- Indicates an animal in distress

What is **BAD** about a barking dog?

- One dog barking usually starts another dog barking
- Excessive barking is extremely annoying
- Noisy animals can create neighborhood arguments, resentment, etc.
- Usually indicates a highly nervous or bored animal
- Excessive barking can be harmful to dogs
- Unless stopped, barking may develop into a type of hysteria

## How to Identify if Your Dog is a Noise Nuisance

Here are some guidelines for determining whether your dog is a good companion and watchdog or a neighborhood nuisance.

Does your dog bark excessively:

- When you put them outside while at work?
- When someone rings your doorbell?
- When garbage collectors, mail carriers, paper carriers, etc. come to your house?
- When children are playing outside?
- When another animal comes into view?
- When another dog barks?
- When hearing a siren?
- When wanting to get into the house?
- When you leave or return home?
- When left alone and lonely?

If your answer was “yes” to any of these questions, your dog could be a neighborhood nuisance. This disturbance of peace is one of the quickest and most common ways to become a bad neighbor. Persistent barkers are more likely to be ignored, if there is a real emergency, since they seem to bark all the time.