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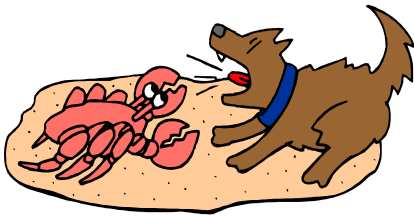
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When Barking is a Problem.....



Many strategies are available to reduce excessive barking.

Relief from nuisance barking must always involve a good look at the reasons as to why a dog is barking constantly and a long-term plan to remove the causes of that barking behaviour.

While you are working on the problem, keep your dog inside as much as possible so that he or she is less stimulated by what is going on outside.

If you have to go out for a long period, try to organise a neighbour to come over and let the dog out for toileting. Many neighbours actually prefer to do this rather than listen to a constant bark, bark, bark! This type of interaction may also improve relations between you and your neighbour and your neighbour and your dog!

The socialisation of a young puppy is particularly important to ensure that it is less excited by new events. Well socialised pups have an attitude of 'been there, done that' and are less likely to bark excitedly.

Why does my dog bark so much?

Dogs delight to bark; it is perfectly normal dog behaviour and is how they communicate with us. It is excessive and continuous barking which causes problems and this is often caused by loneliness, boredom, confinement, separation anxiety or provocation from people or other dogs. These causes of barking should not be part of a dog's life and can usually be overcome.

The most common reason for barking dogs is boredom

This can be alleviated by providing regular exercise, providing interactive toys and including your dog in your lifestyle as much as possible. One or more walks a day will give your dog a reason to rest and be at ease. Don't forget to reward your dog for doing the right thing - a small food treat given when your dog is sitting quietly and calmly will tell your dog that this is the behaviour you want, not the barking.

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