

## What should you do for assistance and information?

- Try first to contact the owner of the dog and work out a solution.
- If this doesn't work, call Animal Services at 817-459-5898.



**Be a good dog owner and a good neighbor !!!**

**Have a quiet day!**

Visit our virtual shelter on the Web at:  
[www.arlingontx.gov/animals](http://www.arlingontx.gov/animals)



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## Code Compliance Services

# We Have a Doggone Problem



**Arlington Animal Services**

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## What is good about a barking dog?

- Warns residents of intruders
- Helps keep intruders from entering a residence
- Alerts people of potential problems
- It's a defensive measure for dogs



## What is bad about a barking dog?

- persistent barking aggravates neighbors
- At night, barking dogs keep people awake
- A barking dog usually starts other dogs barking
- A barking dog, if reported, can mean a summons for the owner
- Continuous barking can be harmful to the dog

## What are the effects of barking dogs on people?



- Disturbs the neighborhood since one barking dog often starts others barking
- Keeps people from sleeping
- Upsets people who are ill, night workers, etc.
- Barking dogs can create neighborhood resentment, arguments, etc.
- Your neighbors can request police action



## What can be done about a barking dog?

Determine what is causing the dog to bark, such as:

- ✓ Another animal is in the area
- ✓ The dog is lonely, bored and needs attention
- ✓ The dog may be ill, cold, hungry, tangled or injured
- ✓ Passersby such as mailman, children, joggers, etc.

If the problem is cats that should not be on your property, contact Animal Services to lease a live animal trap for \$50 refundable deposit. City ordinance requires that cats must be confined on their owner's property or secured by a leash. If the problem is squirrels or other wild animals, use the training tips below or contact us to lease a live animal trap.

Remove any visual barriers so dog can see.

If the dog is bored, obedience training and more attention from you will help. The dog will be able to have thoughts and experiences to occupy his or her time and interests.

If the dog is reacting inappropriately to the neighbors' use of their yards, training will help. The dog needs to understand that you do not need to be protected.

Basic Training Rule: Stop the behavior by vocally showing your displeasure. Then praise the proper behavior.

If you are at home: Hush the barking with a strong "NO!" Do not soothe the dog ... quiet soothing sounds reinforce and encourage bad behavior. Let the dog know you appreciate the warning but you are now in charge.

If the barking occurs when you are gone or at night, the best solution is to confine the dog indoors. Dogs can better protect you and your family if they are with you and not confined to the back yard. If the dog must remain outside, you may want to invest in a "bark collar." A "bark collar" emits a noise or shock that is attention getting or irritating to the dog when it begins to bark.

