



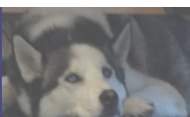
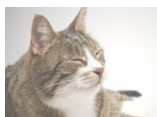
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BARKING MAD



Most dogs bark, and the chances are that your dog's barking will have puzzled - and annoyed - you at some point. There are breed variations: Siberian Huskies rarely bark (although they vocalise a lot) and Basenji's are sometimes known as "backless dogs". At the other end of the scale, the Finns hold a competition to crown a Finnish Spitz the "King of the Barkers". Dogs bark for a variety of reasons, many of which are perfectly legitimate.



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However, barking can be a serious nuisance and it may indicate that something is wrong.

It is therefore important to identify the reason that the barking is occurring and to see if you can identify a pattern:

- Does it happen at a particular time of day
- Is it a new behaviour?
- Is it connected to a particular action?
- Is there another specific trigger?

Most problem barking can be addressed with a training plan and changes to the environment. If the barking is new or excessive with no obvious cause, make an appointment with your vet to see if they can identify a clinical cause. Dogs can sometime start barking excessively if they are losing their hearing or if canine cognitive dysfunction is setting in.

Whatever the reason, professional help can make it better.

**Contact Companion Animal Behavioural Services at
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