

Your barking dog could end up costing you.....

Wichita City Ordinance Sec. 6.04.040(f)(7) Control and protection of animals in general

It is unlawful for any person to:

(7) keep or harbor any animal, which, by loud, frequent or habitual barking, howling, yelping or other noise or action, unreasonably disturbs any person or neighborhood within the corporate limits of the city. To effect legal relief, persons so affected directly may sign a complaint at the Department of Environmental Services.

Sec. 6.04.190 Violation—Penalty

(a) A person violating any provision of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or by imprisonment of not more than one year, or both such fine and imprisonment. . . .

There are also many anti dog barking devices available on the market.



Animal Control	350-3361
Patrol East	688-9300
Patrol North	688-9500
Patrol South	337-9200
Patrol West	337-9400
Atwater NCH	303-8017
Colvin NCH	303-8029
Evergreen NCH	303-8042
Stanley NCH	303-8008

For more information on barking dogs and other Animal Services, please visit the Environmental Services page of the City of Wichita website.

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BARK, BARK BARK!!!!!!

Has your dog become a neighborhood nuisance?



**Animal Control
350-3361**



Don't let your barking dog jeopardize your neighborhood relationships

Bark! Bark! Bark!

Some canine behavior problems, such as house soiling, affect only a dog's owners. However, problems such as escaping and excessive barking can result in neighborhood disputes and violations of animal control ordinances. Therefore, barking dogs can become "people problems."

If your dog's barking has created neighborhood tension, it's a good idea to discuss the problem with your neighbors. It is perfectly normal and reasonable for dogs to bark from time to time; however, continual barking for long periods of time is a sign that your dog has a problem that needs to be addressed.



The first thing you need to do is determine when and for how long your dog barks, and what is causing him to bark. You may need to do some detective work to obtain this information. Ask your neighbors, drive or walk around the block and watch and listen for a while, or start a tape recorder or video camera when you leave for work.

Social Isolation/Frustration/Attention Seeking

Your dog may be barking because he's

bored and lonely if:

- He's left alone for long periods of time without opportunities for interaction with you.
- His environment is relatively barren, without playmates or toys.

Recommendations:

- Expand your dog's world and increase his "people time" in the following ways:
- Walk your dog daily, it's good exercise for both of you.
- Teach your dog to fetch a ball or Frisbee and practice with him as often as possible.
- Teach your dog a few commands or tricks and practice them every day.
- Take an obedience class with your dog.
- Provide interesting toys to keep your dog busy when you're not home
- Keep your dog inside when you're unable to supervise him.
- Take your dog to work with you every now and then, if possible.
- If you work very long hours, take him to a doggie day care or have a friend walk or play with him.

Territorial/Protective Behavior

Your dog may be barking to guard his territory if:

- The barking occurs in the presence of "intruders," which may include the mail carrier, children walking to school and other dogs or neighbors in adjacent yards.
- You've encouraged your dog to be responsive to people and noises outside.

Recommendations:

- Teach your dog a "quiet" command. When he begins to bark at a passer-by, allow two or three barks, then say "quiet" and interrupt his barking by shaking a can filled with pennies or squirting water at his mouth with a spray bottle or squirt gun. This will cause him to stop barking momentarily. While he's quiet, say "good quiet" and pop a tasty treat into his mouth. Remember, the loud noise or squirt isn't meant to punish him; rather it is to startle him into being quiet so you can quickly reward him.
- Desensitize your dog to the stimulus that triggers the barking. Teach him that the people he views as intruders are actually friends and that good things happen to him when these people are around. Ask someone to walk by your yard, starting far enough away so that your dog is not barking, then reward him for quiet behavior as he obeys a "sit" or "down" command.
- Don't inadvertently encourage this type of barking by enticing your dog to bark at things he hears or sees outside.
- Have your dog neutered or spayed to decrease territorial behavior.

