

Barking dogs can be a nuisance.

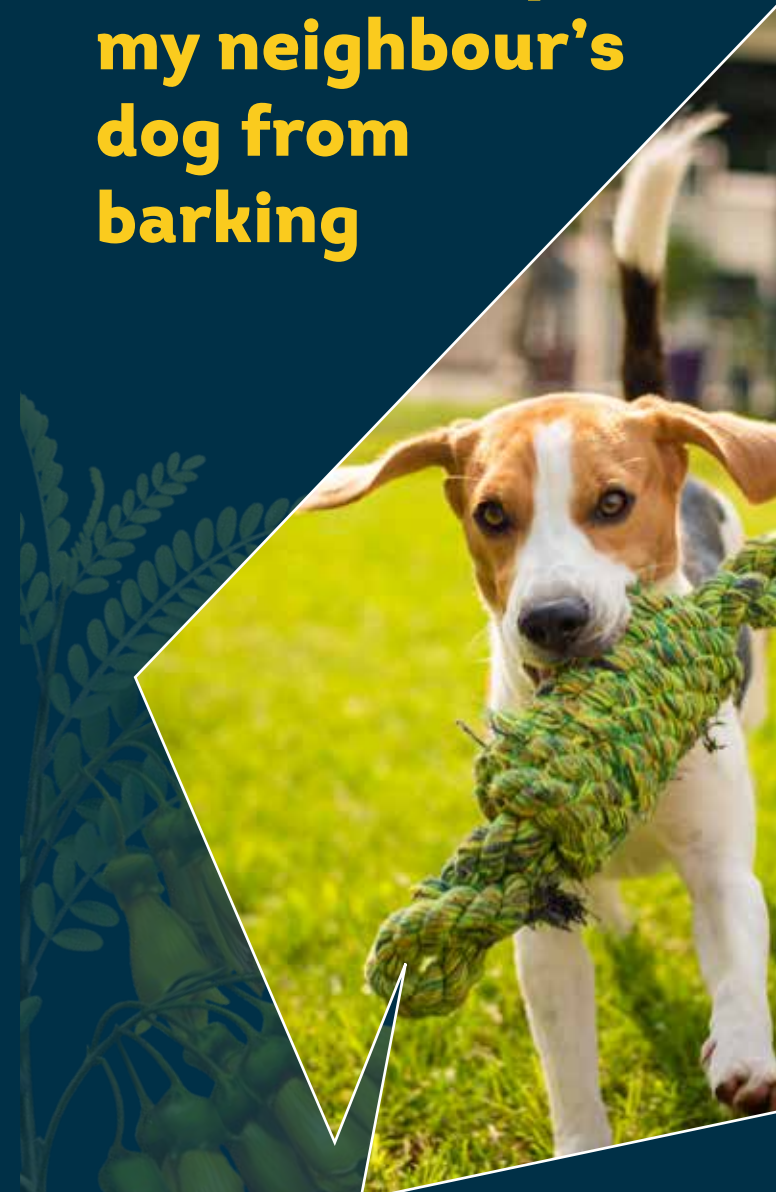


If a neighbour's dog is causing disturbances, try a friendly chat first. If that doesn't work, consider involving Animal Control.

In some cases, you may be able to resolve the issue yourself, some of these are outlined in this brochure.



How do I stop my neighbour's dog from barking



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Three Helpful Methods

1. Talk to the dog owner



Direct communication is often the most effective solution.

A friendly, face-to-face conversation can address the issue without creating tension. Here's a suggested approach:

- **Be direct and empathetic:** Explain how the barking is affecting your daily life (e.g., sleep, work, relaxation).
- **Offer solutions:** Suggest ways to reduce the barking, such as:
 - Bringing the dog indoors, especially at night
 - Providing more exercise (e.g., walks, playtime)
 - Addressing potential underlying causes (e.g., boredom, loneliness)
- **Be respectful:** Avoid accusatory language and maintain a positive tone.

If a direct conversation isn't feasible, a polite, written note can be a last resort. However, remember that face-to-face communication is generally more effective in resolving neighbour disputes.



2. Taking matters into your own hands



While direct communication is often the best approach, there are some DIY methods you can try if a neighbourly chat isn't feasible:

- **Silent Dog Whistle:** A high-pitched sound inaudible to humans can sometimes deter barking.
- **Sonic Training Devices:** These devices emit a high-frequency sound that can disrupt a dog's barking.
- **Noisemakers:** A loud noise can startle a barking dog, but use caution as it might annoy your neighbour.
- **Environmental Modifications:** Blocking the dog's view of triggers, like other animals or people, can reduce barking.

Remember: Always prioritise humane and neighbourly solutions. Avoid any actions that could harm the dog or damage your relationship with your neighbour.

3. Contact Animal Control



If direct communication fails to resolve the issue, consider contacting local authorities:

- **Animal Control:** Report the excessive barking, providing specific details about the frequency and duration.
- **SPCA:** If you suspect animal neglect or abuse, contact the SPCA to report the situation. They can investigate and take appropriate action.

Remember, when reporting, be specific about the problem, the impact it's having on you, and any relevant details about the dog's living conditions.

Further tips:

- ✓ **Maintain a calm and polite demeanour.**
Even if your neighbour reacts negatively, it's best to remain composed.
- ✓ **Communicate openly.**
Try to find a mutually agreeable solution by discussing the issue with your neighbour.
- ✓ **Prioritise your well-being.**
If the noise persists, consider using earplugs to improve your sleep quality.
- ✓ **Involve the landlord.**
If your neighbour is a renter, contacting the landlord might be a more effective approach.
- ✓ **Seek professional help.**
If the situation escalates or becomes unmanageable, consult with local authorities like Animal Control.

Please remember there is often no quick fix solution for a barking dog/s so you may need to be a little patient.