



Animal Management - Barking Dogs

Barking is normal behaviour for dogs but excessive barking can become annoying for neighbours and the community.

Barking is one of the most common dog behavioural problems Gladstone Regional Council is asked to act upon. The owner/responsible person is obligated to restrict their dog from causing a barking nuisance. Council encourages pet owners to identify and address their dog's excessive barking before it results in an official complaint.

There are many reasons why an animal may be barking, including:

Contact seeking – Dogs can be very vocal animals as barking and howling is the way in which they communicate;

Boredom – Walking your dog keeps you and your dog fit. The amount of exercise required depends on the breed or size of the dog. Also, being left out for long periods of time can cause frustration and boredom. As with all friendships, the success of a relationship between dogs and their owners depends on finding time to spend together;

Separation anxiety – The animal may be very dependent on other animals or humans; when taken away the animal may become stressed;

Excitement – Something nearby increases the dog's state of arousal;

Territorial defence – Your animal may become very protective of your property which sometimes portrays the animal as being aggressive when people and other animals walk past.

Fear or physical discomfort – Your dog may suffer from fleas, worms or other diseases that may cause discomfort and be the cause of barking and whining. Examine dogs regularly and seek veterinary attention if necessary.

Lack of training – Your dog will accept kind but firm discipline. Take it to obedience training before it develops bad barking habits.

All possible steps should be taken to minimise the nuisance being caused.

Assess the situation; determine what the main cause is and how to reduce this.

A good start is to ask your neighbours if the dog is barking while you are not at home. The neighbours may be able to give you more information in relation to how often and when the dog is barking and what it may be barking at.

If minimal steps are not taken to stop the animal from barking, and the alleged barking nuisance is proven to be a breach of Council's Local Law, you may be subject to an on the spot fine.

One method of control is through the use of anti-barking collars. These anti-barking collars are not endorsed by Council, and Council recommends dog owners seek professional veterinary advice to address excessive dog barking in their pet dogs.

How can you contact us?



(07) 4970 0700

STD CALLS: 1300 733 343

For those residents who currently incur STD call rates when contacting their local customer service centre



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The following is a known list of anti-barking collar providers that supply to the Gladstone Region:

Gladstone Pets & Ponds Hanson Rd, Gladstone	Ph: (07) 4972 9170	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sonic 'birdhouse' anti-barking unit containment systems (wire and laser) • Rechargeable or battery operated collars remote trainers • Contact store for more details
Petbarn Gladstone 216-226 Phillip street, Gladstone	Ph: (07) 3181 3282	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citronella Collar • Shock collar • Vibration Collar • Ultra sonic Collar • Contact store for more details
Port City Pet World Shop 2/220 Dawson Highway, Gladstone	Ph: (07) 4978 1677	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Containment systems • Rechargeable or battery operated collars • Remote trainers • Contact store for more details
K9 Obedience Training 3 Copper Crs Tannum Sands	Ph: (07) 4973 8971 Mob: 0417 753 578	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent or buy • Containment systems and remote trainers available
K9 Collars National	Ph: 1300 130 910 www.k9collars.com.au	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent, try or buy • Containment systems and remote trainers also available
Pet Solutions Australia Mudgeeraba	Ph: 1800 265 545 Ph: (07) 5522 9590 Mob: 0403 267 917 www.petsolutions.com.au	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent, try or buy
Bark Control Australia National	Ph: 1300 668 931 www.barkcontrol.com.au	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent, try or buy • Containment systems and remote trainers available (dogs and cats)
Dog Master Trainers National	Ph: 1800 300 364 www.dogmaster.com.au	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rent, try or buy • Containment systems and remote trainers available (dogs and cats)
Animal Behaviour Systems National	Ph: (03) 9360 9382 www.absaustralia.com.au	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various collars - purchase outright only • Containment systems and remote trainers available (dogs and cats)
Pet Control National	Ph: 1300 720 910 www.petcontrol.com.au	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase outright only • Containment systems and remote trainers available (dogs and cats)
Dream Dog Behavioural Solutions National	Ph: 1300 373 263 www.dreamdog.com.au	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various collars - purchase outright only • Free postage Australia wide

