

IMPROPER CORRECTION METHODS

Outdated methods that are not recommended by County of Hawai'i Animal Control & Protection Agency

Shouting

A dog that is barking can be in an agitated state and shouting can encourage dogs to bark louder and longer.

Use of a water hose to the face

Pressurized water to the eyes, nose, mouth, and ears can cause injury or illness.

Striking/shock collars

Physical force and shock collars used to deter barking can lead to negative behaviors, injury, and improper socialization.

Punishment

Dogs don't make the same connections humans do. With the wrong training, they may not link unwanted behavior with punishment.

Hawai'i County Code

Section 4-4-25. Noisy dogs. (a) No person shall keep any dog which barks, bays, cries, howls or makes any other noise continuously or incessantly for a period of ten minutes or barks, bays, cries, howls or makes any other noise intermittently for a period of twenty minutes within a thirty-minute period of time to the disturbance of any person at any time of day or night and regardless of whether the dog is physically situated in or upon private property. **(b)** A dog shall not be deemed a noisy dog for purposes of this section if, at the time the dog is barking or making any other noise, a person is trespassing or threatening to trespass upon private property in or upon which the dog is situated or for any other legitimate cause which teased or provoked the dog. Such action is declared to be a public nuisance and detrimental to the public health and welfare.

There shall be a penalty of \$50 for the first violation of this section. The second violation has a penalty of \$100, the third \$200, and any subsequent violation \$400

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COUNTY OF HAWAII
ANIMAL CONTROL &
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**Responsible Pet
Ownership:
Preventing Dog
Barking Issues**



How to Minimize Barking

UNDERSTANDING DOG BARKING BEHAVIOR

BARKING IS A NATURAL AND INSTINCTIVE BEHAVIOR FOR DOGS; HOWEVER, EXCESSIVE BARKING IS NOT.

WHEN DOGS ARE PRIMARILY KEPT OUTDOORS, IT IS THE OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE WELL CARED FOR AND ADEQUATELY MANAGED.

OUTDOOR DOGS MAY BARK DUE TO FACTORS SUCH AS:

- **BREED AND AGE**
- **STRESS**
- **LONELINESS**
- **ENVIRONMENTAL TRIGGERS**
- **LACK OF STIMULATION**

Helpful practices include:

****Identify triggers**** and put deterrents in place - such as citronella spray or ultrasonic collar

****Provide adequate shelter**** from weather, wind, and heat

****Ensure constant access**** to clean water and appropriate food

****Spend regular time**** interacting with dogs to alleviate boredom and stress and provide durable toys if possible

****Avoid prolonged isolation****, which can result in excessive barking

****Check on dogs frequently****, especially during the evening and early morning hours

****Improper territory identification****
Dogs may deem their territory extends outside the property line

Adequate Training from the Owner/Caretaker

Barking is a behavior that can be trained. Dogs are capable of learning when it is appropriate to bark.

Provoked barking happens when a dog reacts to a real threat or teasing. Nuisance barking is when the noise goes on for long stretches without any cause.

