

For Owners:

Unnecessary Barking is a Public Nuisance...

A barking dog can disrupt sleep, make it difficult for a person to enjoy their free time, disturb work or study, and make being at your own home unenjoyable. Nuisance barking is a violation of our borough ordinance. (FNSBC 22.28.030 B)

How to Stop Unnecessary Barking...

Backyard Dogs: Your dog needs access to water, a sheltered place to sleep, and something to occupy their time, like a ball or chew toy. If possible, at night, the dog should be brought into the house or garage.

Dogs that Bark When Alone: Keep your pet comfortable and entertained with a toy or treat. Sometimes moving the pet to a quiet part of the house with the tv on will help their anxiety.



Outdoor Only Dogs: Make your dog as comfortable as possible. Make sure they have access to adequate food, water, and shelter. The dog should not be able to get tangled in the line and the area should be free of obstacles. The pet must be able to move freely. We recommend a line no less than 6'. When you are home, the pet should be given attention, exercise, and be played with at least an hour a day. A happy, healthy, well trained dog doesn't bark unnecessarily.

Break the Barking Habit...

- Work with a trainer, barking may be the result of an underlying behavioral issue.
- Check with your vet, a commercial product might be appropriate for your pet.
- All pets are different and what works for one may not work for another.

If none of these methods work, then you should call FNSB Animal Control Dispatch.

907-459-1493

- **Do Not** try to silence the animal yourself.
- **Do Not** wait until you can't take it any more.
- **Do** tackle the problem early on.

Animals are family and disciplining someone else's family member can result in violence.

Shelter Hours

By Appointment Only Tuesday—Saturday

Closed: Sunday, Monday, and Holidays

View Animals at phshelter.com

Heated, Secure Drop Off Kennels

Available 24/7 for all surrenders, including owners surrendering and stray pets.

Animal Control Dispatch

Complaint or Concern?
To Report Call 907-459-1493

Fairbanks North Star Borough Division of Animal Control

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Fairbanks, Alaska 99707-1267
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What You Should Know

About Barking Dogs...



**Fairbanks North Star Borough
Division of Animal Control
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For Neighbors:

Barking Dogs?... A Neighborhood Problem!

Most people's first reaction is to call the authorities. Believe it or not, in many cases this should be closer to the last step.

Here are a few facts about the owners of barking dogs...

- The owner may not know the dog is barking. They may be at work, away from the home, or unable to hear the animal for some other reason.
- They may believe the dog's barking protects the home and property.
- The owner may be desensitized to the barking because they do hear it ALL the time.
- The owner may assume that its daytime, the weekend, summer, etc., and it is okay for their pet to make noise.
- The owner may assume that because they haven't had any complaints the barking doesn't bother anyone.

Letting the owner know, on a personal level, that the noise is disrupting your life can be very effective. People who do not first attempt to solve the problems as a neighbor often begin long-term neighborhood feuds.

Tell the owner politely, in person, in writing or by phone, exactly how the noise is disrupting your life.

Communicate things such as

- "I can't sleep"
- "I can't hear my TV"
- "I work nights and sleep days"
- "I can't study"
- "I can't enjoy being in my yard"

...because of the barking.

Neighborhood communication is an important part of neighborhood security. We live in a safer community when we are acquainted with our neighbors and have open communication. Talking to someone about their dog's barking can further communication and help keep our neighborhoods safe.

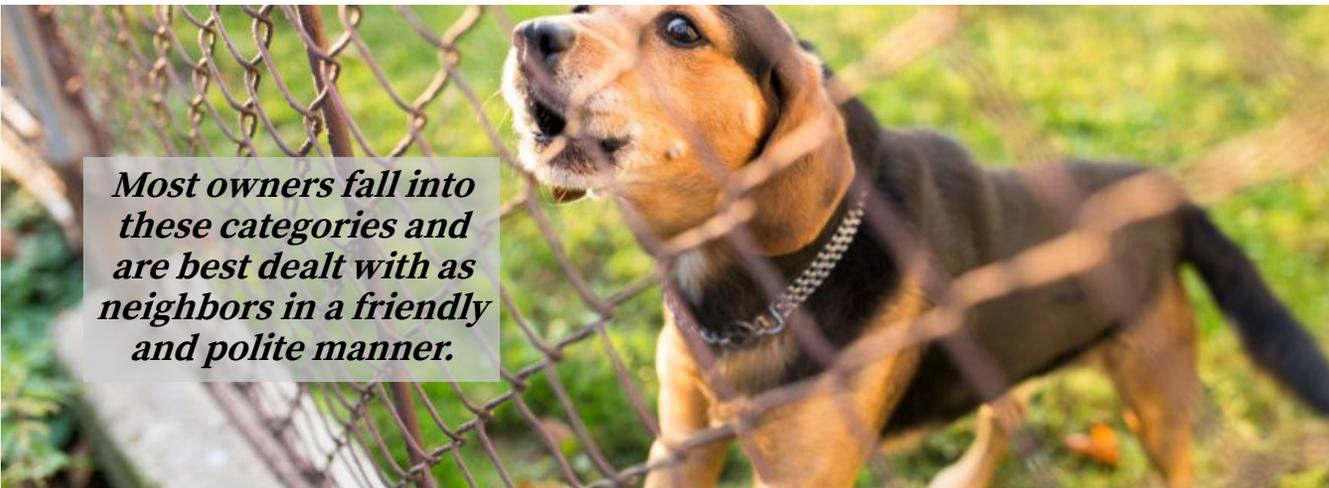


Are You Contributing to the Barking Problem?

Yelling or screaming at the dog over the fence is not going to solve the problem. Doing these things will likely result in a negative outcome. It may cause hostility between neighbors resulting the owner being less likely to respect your concerns and the dog perceiving you as a threat.

Many cat owners allow their **cats to roam free**. If you own a cat, keep it on your property, preferably indoors, where it will be safe. The leash law applies to cats exactly as it does to dogs (FNSBC 22.28.010).

Children in the neighborhood may also be adding to the problem. Children sometimes tease dogs and encourage their barking without realizing the consequences. This is especially concerning because **teasing the dog** may end in a bite. Make sure your child understands the hazards of teasing dogs and making them bark.



Most owners fall into these categories and are best dealt with as neighbors in a friendly and polite manner.