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INFORMATION TO HELP OWNERS OF BARKING DOGS

The Town Code for the Town of Prescott Valley, section 6-03-010A states that it is unlawful for any person to keep or maintain a dog that barks, howls or otherwise disturbs the peace and quiet of any reasonable person residing within the boundaries of the town, between the hours of 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM. Section 6-03-010B sets the hours of violation from 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM. A violation of this code is a misdemeanor and can result in charges being brought against the dog owner.

In an effort to assist dog owners in avoiding such problems, Prescott Valley Police Department Animal Control offers these tips on how to curb your dog's barking problem:

1. Buy a kennel to fit the size of your dog or just a bit larger. Keep the dog in the kennel inside your house when you are gone. Most dogs adapt very well to the use of a kennel.
2. Train the dog yourself, use books and/or videos from the library, enroll in dog obedience classes or consult with a professional dog trainer for help.
3. Buy a barking collar or a muzzle for the dog. Check with your vet or local pet store for the one that best fits your particular needs.
4. Monitor your dog and assess the problem. If there is no reason for the dog to be barking, tell the dog to stop.
5. Be willing to speak to your neighbors for more specifics about the problem. In a casual setting, try asking your neighbors if they are having a problem with your dog(s). If they are, find out the specific times it is happening and let the neighbors know that you are willing to work on the problem.
6. Think about the time of day that the barking is occurring and remember that not everyone is on the same schedule.
7. Try to determine why the dog is barking. Is it lonely or frustrated? Try providing toys and playing music or the TV to soothe the dog while you are gone.
8. Take the dog for walks in the neighborhood so it can become more familiar with its surroundings.
9. Do not make a big event out of leaving or coming home. Overly excited dogs are more likely to bark.
10. Confine the dog to a smaller area of your yard away from neighbors if possible.
11. Be aware that a dog that has access to the outside through a doggie door also has access to the outside to bark and disturb the neighborhood.
12. Ask your vet, Prescott Animal Control or the Arizona Humane Society for other tips.

If you have any questions or would like more information regarding Animal Control issues, please visit our web site at www.pvaz.net or contact an Animal Control Officer at (928) 772-5190.



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INFORMATION TO HELP WITH BARKING DOGS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

Often times when there is a problem in your neighborhood with barking dogs, it is helpful to talk to or leave a note for the animal owner. Keep in mind that your neighbor may not even be aware that there is a problem. Although this may be difficult to do at first, communicating with the animal owner is usually the most effective way to resolve the problem and maintain a friendly neighborhood atmosphere.

Here are some suggested methods for speaking to your neighbor about an animal problem:

1. Try to do this when you are not frustrated about the barking problem.
2. When you approach your neighbor, be calm and courteous and plan to discuss the barking problem in a friendly manner. This will usually make a big difference.
3. Have the attitude that you want to make your neighbor aware of the problem.
4. Let them know the time of day or night that the problem is occurring.
5. If possible, agree that you will contact them right away if the problem continues.

If you decide to leave a note for your neighbor:

1. Try to explain exactly what the dog does when the family is away from the house.
2. Chose words that are not offensive, confrontational or intimidating to the dog owner.
3. If you feel comfortable doing so, leave your name and a phone number or address so they can contact you to discuss the problem.

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