# How to Cure Nuisance Barking and Noise Complaints?

**Barking dogs are the BIGGEST form of noise complaints in any neighbourhood.**

It may not be your dog; it could be the dogs in your neighbourhood - Here are a few suggestions on how to reduce barking dog noise to an acceptable level.

**5 Easy steps to help reduce barking dog complaints.**

1. **Look at the reason the dog is barking** and take note of the time of day. This will give a good indication as to the cause. You may be able to remove the cause or leave the dog in an area away from the cause.

2. **Entertain and Distract** – A dog at home alone will need to be kept mentally active.
   - Why not scatter your dog's biscuits across the lawn. It's going to take a bit of time to find breakfast, and he will most likely keep looking and not start barking.
   - Rotate a group of toys to keep them interesting and unique.
   - Create a sandpit or shell and bury some toys for your dog to find.

3. **Try blocking off the dogs view** of the street or put up a barrier to move the dog away from busy streets or footpaths.

4. **Engage the services of a home dog walker** for a 'lunch time play time' a friendly neighbour may be willing to pop over to have a pat. Introduce your dog to the neighbours so your dog is familiar with them and the strange noises they make.

5. **Barking dog products.** Speak to a specialist about products for retraining barking habits.
   - Citronella, Sonic, static and vibration collars all differ in the way they work. Each dog is different and so is the reason for the barking so getting the right advice is essential.
   - That Barking Dog next door… There are products available to help control barking dogs next door or around the neighbourhood. The **Outdoor Ultra Sonic Bark House** uses an uncomfortable high pitched noise to distract the dog from barking.

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