



MAKE SURE YOUR PET IS A GOOD NEIGHBOUR.

Edmonton

PREVENT EXCESSIVE BARKING

Pets are an important part of the community, but nuisance behaviours like excessive barking can have a negative impact on your neighbours (and on your dog). As a pet owner, you are responsible for controlling your dog's barking and preventing it from disturbing others.

WHAT IS EXCESSIVE BARKING?

Barking is considered excessive when it disturbs others for any amount of time beyond a few minutes, at any time of the day or night.

HOW CAN I PREVENT IT?

It's natural for dogs to bark when they are bored, lonely or want to alert their owners of something. Provide training, exercise, socialization and family interaction to ensure your dog is a good neighbour.

- Register with a qualified training centre to learn simple commands to stop your dog's barking when it starts.
- Crates make dogs feel comfortable and protected and limit the space they feel they need to guard. Consider using a crate inside when you are away to ease your pet's stress.
- Teach your dog to remain quiet when the doorbell rings.
- Reward good behaviour through positive words, treats and touch.

WHAT CAN I DO IF A NEIGHBOUR'S DOG BARKS EXCESSIVELY?

- Let your neighbour know the barking disturbs you.
- If you can't resolve the matter personally, file a barking complaint at edmonton.ca/bylaws or call 311.
- Specific dates, times and durations of barking are required to file a complaint.

HOW DOES THE CITY HANDLE BARKING COMPLAINTS?

- Animal Care & Control investigates barking complaints case-by-case.
- A warning and short time period is given to the pet owner to resolve the problem.
- Animal Care & Control Officers discuss options with the pet owner to help prevent further barking complaints.
- The fine for failing to resolve excessive barking is \$100.