

Sometimes a Bark Can Feel Worse Than A Bite

Bites eventually go away, but barking can go on, and on, and on. Sometimes, it seems that there's almost nothing you can do. But take heart! There are some steps you can take to put a civil-end to all that noise.

First, don't blame the dog. It's not his fault. Second, don't automatically blame the neighbor. They may be at work all day (or night), completely unaware that the dog is barking at all. The very best thing you can do is to politely remind your neighbor that the dog is barking incessantly while s/he is away. If the owner is aware, and just doesn't seem to care, there are legal steps that you can take.

If you're the owner of a barking dog, try to remember that your neighbors really don't want to report you. They just want some peace and quiet. The sound of your barking dog may make you feel secure, but it's nerve-wracking to others. There are lots of reputable dog trainers who can teach you how to quiet even the most boisterous barkers. Responsible pet owners make great neighbors!