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Council has received complaints about dogs barking in your area and Rangers are investigating the matter.

While barking is a natural form of communication for dogs, **excessive barking is a behavioural problem** which needs to be addressed for both the wellbeing of your dog and your neighbours.

We appreciate public assistance in helping to **prevent** and **solve** excessive barking. Neighbours communicating with each other constructively can help stop the problem from escalating.

If you suspect your dog may be the problem, ask your neighbours questions like the time it occurs, or what may be triggering your dog to bark.

The tips below may assist you in solving the problem.

Why do dogs bark excessively?

- Dogs are social animals and often bark due to loneliness.
- Separation anxiety from owner.
- Boredom and frustration.
- Fear of people, objects, noise, weather conditions or other dogs.
- Feeling threatened towards themselves or their territory.
- Sick or injured.
- Certain breeds have a reputation for barking.

Excessive barking nearly always occurs when the owner is absent. Once you determine the cause of your dog's barking there are steps you can take to stop it.

- Daily regular exercise stimulates and tires out your dog.
- Leave them something to chew on such as rawhides and feeding toys. Ensure they are rotated to prevent boredom.
- Leaving a radio on or an item of your clothing in their bed can comfort them.
- Make sure your fencing reduces your dog's vision to passersby and other distractions.
- Regular routine dog training teaches good manners and creates a confident dog.
- Make sure there is adequate water and shelter from the elements when your dog is left alone.

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