

Barking *dogs*

Council requests your assistance in addressing nuisance barking in your area.

A close-up photograph of a white, fluffy dog with its mouth wide open, barking. A large, bright orange megaphone is positioned in the foreground, partially overlapping the dog's face. The background is a solid orange color.

**Encouraging
responsible
dog ownership
in the
Shoalhaven**

Council has received reports of excessive dog barking in your area, and Rangers are investigating.

While some barking is normal, excessive barking is a behavioural problem which should be addressed both for the wellbeing of your dog and your neighbours.

We encourage respectful communication between neighbours to help resolve the issue. If your dog may be the cause, speak with neighbours about when it happens and possible triggers.

Reasons for excessive barking include:

- Loneliness or lack of social interaction
- Separation anxiety
- Boredom or frustration
- Fear of people, noise, weather, or other animals
- Perceived threats to themselves or territory
- Illness or injury
- Some breeds naturally bark more

These tips may help identify and resolve the issue:

- Provide regular exercise to reduce excess energy
- Spend quality time with your dog and support regular socialisation to keep them happy and well-adjusted
- Offer chew toys and rotate them to prevent boredom
- Leave a radio on or a familiar scent for comfort
- Block views of passersby with solid fencing
- Use consistent training to build good behaviour
- Ensure access to water and shelter when home alone



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