

Ways to keep dogs from barking too much

1. Bring your dog for a walk or make sure your dog has plenty of exercise like playing fetch or tug-o-war so that your dog won't have too much pent-up energy to be released through barking.

2. Don't pet and give your dog affection when he's barking due to anxiety or wanting your attention. This will only encourage the dog's bad behavior.

3. Teach your dog to obey the "speak" and "quiet" commands.

4. Don't leave your dog alone by himself for too long.

5. Redirect your dog's attention from barking to doing something else by giving him basic commands like "sit" and "down".

Having a dog which likes to bark can add a lot of stress, especially if we stay in a non-dog friendly neighbourhood.

But if we take the time to train our dog with patience, consistency and love, all dogs, good or bad, have the potential to be a great dog.



Travelling with your dog

TAKING your dog along can make the family vacation more fun for everyone, if you plan carefully. Here are some tips to make travelling with your dog enjoyable.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Bring your dog to the vet's for a check-up before going on an extended trip. Make sure all his vaccinations are up-to-date and bring the shot records with you. Health certifications are required for airline travel.

To keep your dog healthy, bring a supply of his regular food and some local, or bottled, water. Be sure to bring any med-

ications he needs.

TRAVELLING BY CAR

Get your dog used to the car by letting him sit in it with you without leaving the driveway, and then going for short rides.

Avoid car sickness by letting your dog travel on an empty stomach. However, make sure he has plenty of water at all times.

Keep the car well-ventilated. If the dog is in a crate, make sure that fresh air can flow into the crate.

Do not let your dog ride with his head sticking out of an open window. This can lead to eye injuries.

Never let your dog ride in the back of an open truck. This is extremely dangerous and can lead to severe injuries or death.

Stop frequently for exercise and potty breaks. Be sure to clean up after your dog.

Car rides are boring for everyone, so instruct your children not to tease or annoy the dog in the car.

Never, ever leave your dog unattended in a closed vehicle, particularly in the summer. If you must leave the car, designate a member of the family to stay with the dog. — American Kennel Association