

# Barking

## for attention

Dogs have different barks in relation to different situations

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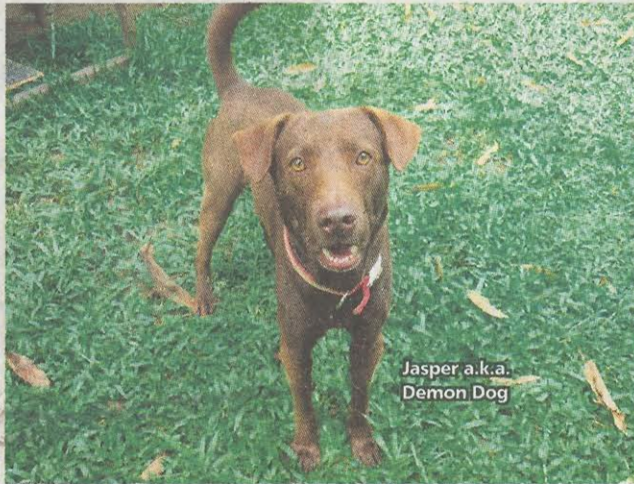
WHILE the barking of dogs can be very annoying and even upsetting, barking is actually a dog's way to communicate with you or other dogs.

Barking is how the canines express themselves. Just like humans, some dogs are much too vocal or "talkative" and some prefer to be quiet.

Although sometimes it seems that some dogs bark just to irritate us (like my dog, Jasper a.k.a. Demon Dog), as much as we hate to admit or accept it, we must understand that dogs bark for various reasons.

If your dog barks excessively, first you need to find out or understand the reason behind the barking. Most dogs bark because they're bored, anxious, lonely, excited, and they want to get your attention or to warm or alarm you about something.

If you take the time to observe your dog, you can actually notice the different kind of barks. Here are a few com-



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Demon Dog

mon messages that your dog is apparently trying to convey to you when he barks.

"Danger! Alert! There's someone/something at the door!"

Your dog barks repeatedly. If the barking is of medium pitch and a string of four to five times, then pausing before repeating, he's not that alarmed yet. When the bark has a lower pitch and slower, then you better check what he's barking at.

"Where are you? I'm lonely and suffering from it."

You may not know this as your dog probably does this when you leave him alone. A

yipping followed by a howl or a series of sharp barks with a pause between each one means he's lonely and suffering for it.

"Go away! I don't like it!"

When your dog is irritated, he'll give one short, sharp bark in a middle to low-pitch range. This means he wants you to back off and leave him alone. So, you better get lost if he starts to give you a lower-pitch, deep, soft bark. Beware of a deep growl combined with a bark.

"Hey, you're back!"

Your dog will let loose a couple of sharp, short barks of medium to high-pitch

when he wants to greet you (or another dog) in a friendly way.

"Let's go!"

A whiny bark of anticipation shows that your dog is excited and wants some-

thing. Depending on the situation, your dog might want to go out for a potty break, have some attention, to go on his evening walk or to join other dogs playing outside or nearby.

Although it's natural for a dog to bark, when the dog barks too much, it's going to give you problems especially with the neighbours if you can't control your dog's excessive barking.

