

# Bark Control FAQs

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## What can I do to curb nuisance barking?

The first and most important step is to properly identify the cause. Barking is a perfectly normal behavior and dogs bark for many reasons. However, excessive or nuisance barking may be due to boredom or loneliness. For some dogs, it is a "learned" behavior, reinforced and rewarded with attention or treats that owners mistakenly think will pacify the dog. Determine the events that trigger nuisance barking and remedy the situation. If that is not feasible, a bark control device may be an option.

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## How do bark collars correct nuisance barking?

There are 3 correction methods: tone, stimulation, and citronella spray correction. They are all based on the same principle. The collars activate when your dog barks and introduce a corrective stimulus that disrupts barking. Your dog will then associate this correction with barking and learn to curb nuisance barking.

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## What bark control products are available?

Choose from three types:

- [Citronella Spray Collars](#) detect barking and emit a safe, yet unpleasant spray of citronella in front of the dog's face.
- [Tone Correction Units](#) use a loud sound to distract the barking dog; available in automatic models that detect barking and then sound off, or manual models with which you control the correction.
- [Stimulation Collars](#) sense the sound of barking and vocal cord vibration and emit a static electrical impulse.

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## How effective are bark collars?

The time it takes to curb nuisance barking will vary from pet to pet. A survey conducted by PetSafe concluded electronic training devices, including bark collars, are effective. Over 2/3 of the 1,025 dog owners responded that their dogs' overall behavior had, in fact, improved since using the electronic equipment.

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## Will my dog need to wear a collar forever?

No. Once training is complete, you should be able to remove the collar, though retraining may be necessary with some dogs. Complete training instructions are provided with each collar.

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## Which bark control device is right for me?

There are two basic models: automatic units and handheld units. Both are equally effective but their applications differ. Remote units, such as bark collars, are ideal when inappropriate barking occurs when the owner is absent or when barking takes place in random or unpredictable locations. Handheld units are effective when the owner is present to correct the barking.

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## Are Citronella collars as effective?

Many customers are satisfied with the results from spray collars. Our favorite for consistent training and control are the electronic collars.

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**Are stimulation collars safe?**

Absolutely. They are used by thousands of pet owners every day. Multiple stimulation levels let you choose the lowest level needed to correct behavior. Some units allow for a very low "warning" correction and then increase stimulation level only if barking continues.

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**Will other dogs barking set off my dog's collar?**

No. All our collars sense vocal cord vibration to initiate correction.

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**I have a sensitive dog; will I be able to use a bark collar or will it hurt her?**

All training collars, including bark collars, are designed not to hurt or punish your pet. The correction stimulation is comparable to the static generated from walking through carpet. We recommend the [PetSafe Deluxe Collars](#) as they have a patented technology that detects vibration and sound to ensure precise activation. Safely control your littlest dog's big barks with the [PetSafe Deluxe Little Dog Bark Control Collar](#).

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