



Evolution Dog Training Tips

Dog Barking Quick Tips

Top reasons that dogs bark:

1. Territorial/Protective Barking
2. Attention or Need-Seeking Barking
3. Anxiety/Fear-Induced Barking
4. Boredom/Loneliness
5. Greeting/Playfulness

Think about why:

1. Are they genetically bred to use their vocalizations for various reasons?
2. Are we not meeting a need such as attention, exercise or stress-relief?
3. Do they enjoy being vocal and it's a part of their personality or social skills?
4. Are they trying to scare something/someone off?
5. Are they having big feelings and not sure what to do other than bark, growl or whine

Quick Tips using the IRRR method:

1. Interrupt the pattern using your voice, squeaker or other sound
2. **R**edirect them to another area, to another activity/game
3. **R**eward them with attention, treats, toy or something else they love
4. **R**estrict access to the areas they are likely to display their behavior cycle, when possible
5. Get creative! Find ways to utilize this IRRR method.

Once we can assess the WHY, then we can formulate a plan for the best course of action to address the barking issues. Their vocalizations can also be a combination of many things. Is it always fair to ask them to stop? No, But, sometimes barking can get out of control and we can find remedies that fit your dog's needs and personality.

So, why do you think YOUR dog is barking?

Wishing you a paws-itively tail-wagging day!

Leanne, and the Evolution Dog Training Team



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