

Please note the following measures we already have in place to control the nuisance of dogs barking:

- Please find attached a map locating where our kennels are within our property and the where the acoustic fencing also is. We have located our kennels at an area we feel is a good distance from all our neighboring properties.
- We have a 2metre high acoustic fence around the area of our dogs to help contain any noise and also stop our dogs from hearing or seeing any users or the footpath which may trigger barking.
- We have also used this acoustic material on the roof of our kennels and have double glazed windows and doors to help keep noise down to minimum during times where the dogs are indoors.
- We also have 4 humane anti bark collars which we are able to use to train our dogs not to bark, and for any dog which may be causing a nuisance.

The following measures are measures we can take to improve any problems further:

- We can purchase more of the anti-bark collars.
- 70mm of insulation can be added to the walls of the kennel to achieve higher acoustic values.
- The use of a radio to disguise any new sounds that may trigger them to bark.
- The use of a noise management plan.

Noise management plan:

- We shall implement a regular daily routine to minimize stress to the dogs that may lead to barking.
- All dogs will be exercised and given the opportunity to socialize with ourselves and other dogs on a daily basis to minimize anxiety that may lead to barking.
- The kennels and exercise areas will maintain a stock of different toys (balls, kongs, dog ropes etc) to stimulate them and minimize boredom.
- All dogs will be confined to their kennels from 10:30pm to 7:30am. The kennels will be securely locked and any stimulant that may disturb sleep e.g. lights switched off. If there is excessive barking during the night, we shall attend to ensure there isn't a problem.
- Daily cleaning of the kennels and feeding the dogs which take approximately 2 hours total will take place during daylight hours.
- We will attend to any incident of excessive barking or noise in a timely manner.
- Whilst the dogs are in exercise areas if any barking consists the dog in question will be brought inside the kennel areas.
- Any dog that displays excessive barking will be referred/ contact dog behaviorist trainer for advice and adjust that dog's routine where appropriate.