HOW TO STOP PROBLEMATIC BARKING USING YOUR D.T. SYSTEMS NO-BARK TRAINING COLLAR

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The purpose of this booklet is to teach basic training techniques for use with your D.T. Systems Electronic No-Bark Training Collar.

Before using any D.T. Systems product, it is important to have a complete understanding of its proper use. Prior to beginning training with your dog, please read your owner's manual and this instruction booklet entirely. It is vitally important that the trainer fully understand, not only how the no-bark collar works, but also, the proper way to introduce it to the dog.

D.T. Systems remote training collars are the highest quality, state of the art, high tech dog training equipment available on the market today.
Dealing with an incessantly barking dog, or one that barks in a manipulative or even aggressive way can be extremely frustrating. The following process can be very helpful in stopping improper barking.

The most effective way to begin training your dog not to bark incessantly or in a manipulative way is with use of a crate. Begin by sending your dog into its crate and having it stay there with the door open for just a few seconds before calling it out. Heel around in a circle for a minute or two. Repeat this entire process at least six or seven times. Each time having your dog wait just a little longer, and praising it for waiting. Remember to praise him quietly, maybe with a food treat.

Now, drop the leash and go sit down. If your dog leaves the crate before asked, pick up the leash, firmly say "NO" and direct the dog back into the crate. Do not get upset or warn your
dog that you are about to put it back in the
crate. Approach this like it is a game you love
to play. Oh boy, we are going to play that
game where you do not stay. Praise him
again, then drop the leash, and go sit down.
While waiting you should not look at the dog.
It might think that eye contact is an invitation
for it to come to you. If you stare at your dog,
you are communicating that you do not trust it.
In addition, your dog might begin to believe
that it only needs to stay when you are actually
looking. Just command it to "STAY" and then
look away. Do not wait too long but instead
try to return and give praise before it has a
chance to leave the crate. You want to catch
your dog while it is being successful and praise
it for the progress.

When you are no longer willing to give your
dog this undivided attention, simply close the
door and go about your business. The crate
needs to be nearby, preferably in the same
Now we will begin to apply negative reinforcement to the manipulative barking. The best way to apply a negative reinforcement to manipulative barking is to catch your dog by surprise. Imagine the sensation of tripping when walking backwards. You get a startling sensation of falling out of control, and the next time you walk backwards, you are careful not to trip again. You want your dog to have the same reaction when you say "NO". The dog should gasp and look at you with its heart pounding a little. To get such a reaction you will somehow need to startle the dog. When your dog starts barking, try sharply striking the top of the crate, pop the top of your desk, or stomp your foot on the floor. At the same time, you should forcefully say "NO!"
When your dog stops the manipulative barking and refocuses on you, you should quietly say, "GOOD DOG, NO BARKING." Look away and go about your business.

Sometimes you can get through better with a shaker can than with anything else. When the dog starts barking, toss the shaker can at the crate. The instant it strikes the crate, firmly say "NO". By doing this, you are sending your dog the word no, with the noise of the can. Soon, you will only need to vigorously shake the can and say "NO". Eventually, all you will need to do is ask if anyone has seen the can. Do not forget to always praise for progress. Return to the crate and praise for calm, quiet behavior. By following these procedures, you will be well on your way to training a calm, well-behaved dog. The very last thing you want to do is give up and let the dog out of the crate because of its manipulative behavior. This will only encourage the dog to continue
If, after trying the above methods, your dog persists in barking, it is time to use your D.T. Systems No-Bark Trainer. Test the collar to insure that it is working properly, before placing it on your dog. Be sure the collar is on snugly with the sensor placed over the dog's voice box. You are not doing your dog any favors by placing the collar on loosely. Always start on the lowest intensity setting, and gradually turn it up until you reach the level that achieves the desired results. No bark collars are activated by the dog's own barking. When the dog barks, the collar senses the vibration and emits a mild, yet uncomfortable stimulation. This stimulation catches the dog by surprise and automatically creates the startling correction you are looking for. When the collar catches the dog by surprise for barking, you should just smile and reward it for stopping the barking. Your dog will learn very
quickly, that whenever it is wearing the no bark collar, it should not bark. You should continue using the collar for several weeks or more. Even though your dog will stop barking the very first day, this is a long term conditioning process and should continue for weeks. If you prematurely stop using the collar, your dog might return to barking. After initial training, it is often possible to have your dog wear the collar with it turned off. If your dog barks, for instance when someone comes to the door, just call your dog over and turn on the collar. At the same time, forcefully command "NO MORE BARKING". If your dog barks again, the collar will correct it. At that moment, just smile and praise your dog for stopping the barking.

If you have any questions about the proper operation of any D.T. Systems product please feel free to call our Customer Service Department.