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**Pit Bull Terrier Puppies And Excessive Barking: Dog Training Tips**

**By Tim Amherst**

As an owner of a Pit Bull puppy, you have probably already encountered one of his annoying

habits, barking. Dogs bark for various reasons, and there is no one solution to solve the problem. Many Pit Bulls bark at night, bark when you are away from home, bark at the ringing telephone, and some just bark all of the time.

The easiest way to stop your Pit Bull puppy from barking at nighttime is just to ignore him. Your Pit Bull puppy has probably learned he will gain your attention if he barks during the night. It may take several nights of ignoring his barking to get him trained to stop, but in the end it will buy some valuable sleep time once he stops. By jumping out of bed every time your Pit Bull puppy barks at something, you are teaching him that you will come when he barks, therefore reinforcing the habit.

Most of the time, not all the time, your Pit Bull puppy's barking while you are away is due to an irresponsible owner. If you teach your Pit Bull that he can have free reign of the house, and if you are constantly playing with him and giving him your attention, then of course, he is going to be upset when you have to leave, because the fun ends. The best way to curb this behavior is by ignoring your Pit Bull when it is time to leave. I am not saying to never pay attention to him, but stop about ten minutes or so before it is time for you to go. Then when you come home, do something else for the first few minutes so he doesn't think he got you to come home by barking. Going straight to a barking puppy as soon as you enter the house will only serve to make him think that if he barks you will come home sooner, making the problem worse.

For some reason, some Pit Bull puppies like to bark at a ringing telephone. It is important not to yell at your Pit Bull if he does this, as it will usually only make him bark more. You will need to enlist some help from a friend to teach him not to do this. Have your friend call you several times, and ignore the phone when it rings. After doing this for a few calls, your Pit Bull will probably stop barking when the phone rings.

If your Pit Bull seems to bark all the time for no reason, he probably has not had significant socialization training, or has been left to his own devices too long by his owner. Pit Bulls crave love and attention, and don't do well in very busy households. It is important to get socialization for your puppy

beginning at around eight weeks of age, and that will help curb the barking.

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## **Choosing Your New Pit Bull Puppy: Dog Advice**

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Making the decision to add a Pit Bull terrier to your household can be difficult. There are several things that should be taken into account before you go buy your puppy. You should do some research into the breed, so that you can learn all about the personality traits characteristic of Pit Bull terriers. It would also be beneficial to learn about behavior traits, and proper care of the dog so that you can be prepared before you bring your new puppy home. And of course, you must decide if you want a male or female.

There are many places that one can purchase Pit Bull terriers from. Probably the best way to find a reputable source would be through the American Pit Bull Terrier Club. By attending some of their meetings, and talking to some of the members there, you can get information on different breeders, and their opinions on who is the best to purchase from. They are probably already Pit Bull terrier owners, and should be a good source of information not only on the best breeder to purchase from, but general tips about raising a Pit Bull terrier puppy as well.

Your local veterinarian can also be a good source for selecting a Pit Bull terrier breeder to purchase your puppy from. They most likely have a lot of contact with local breeders, as they probably care for their puppies.

If you are interested in a puppy with a pure bloodline, for example, a dog for breeding purposes, you should probably not buy your puppy from a pet store. The puppies there are gotten from several different sources, and it would be very hard to trace their bloodlines for that reason. The prices at pet shops are usually higher, and it would be easy for the unsuspecting shopper to be taken advantage of.

The breeder listings in dog magazines and some newspapers could also be a good resource. They will help you get in contact with different breeders so that you can try to make the best decision. It is important to interview the breeders so that you can compare them and make the best purchase. You should find out how long they have been breeding Pit Bulls, what kind of conditions the puppies are kept in, how they are fed, what kind of contact they have with other dogs and people, and how they are cared for in general. If buying from a breeder that has a business of breeding dogs, you could also check with the Better Business Bureau to see what kind of complaints have been made against them if any.

Don't buy the first Pit Bull terrier puppy you see from the first breeder you meet. Spend time with

several breeders and puppies so that you can see for yourself the puppy's individual personality. You will be much happier in the end by making a well informed decision in purchasing your Pit Bull terrier puppy.

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