

HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS FOR UNWANTED BEHAVIORS

BARKING DOGS:

Your dog's barking may be creating neighborhood tension. Problems such as excessive barking can result in neighborhood disputes and violations of animal control ordinances, resulting in a fine or court appearance. It's perfectly normal and reasonable for dogs to bark from time to time. However, continual barking for long periods of time is a sign that your dog has a problem that needs to be addressed. If you need some information to help your dog, check out the Dumb Friends League website at <http://www.ddfl.org/tips.htm> and look under 'The Barking Dog'

Another website with a different point of view and more suggestions is Pet Education sponsored by Drs Foster & Smith at <http://www.peteducation.com> and look in the Dog Article Library for Behavior & Training, then Barking.

There are several websites where you can obtain addition information and websites that carry bark-controlling products. Try searching under the key words 'barking dog' and 'bark control.' We also suggest visiting your local Humane Society or pet store for helpful products and information on how to properly use them.

DOGS RUNNING AWAY:

This can be a problem for both you and your dog. If your dog is running loose, he/she is in danger of being hit by a car, being injured in a fight with another dog, or being hurt in a number of other ways. Additionally you're liable for any damage or injury your dog may cause and you may be required to pay impound fees and/or a fine if he's picked up by an animal control agency. For more information check out the Dumb Friends League website at <http://www.ddfl.org/tips.htm> and look under 'The Canine Escape Artist.'

ANY TYPE OF UNWANTED BEHAVIOR:

Sometimes the best help is right around the corner at your local Humane Society. In Boulder County we have two and both places can offer you behavior counseling or group training classes.

Longmont Humane Society at (303) 772-1232

<http://www.longmonthumane.org>

Humane Society of Boulder Valley at (303) 442-4030

<http://www.boulderhumane.org>



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