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USING THE “QUIET COMMAND” FOR BARKING

Here are a few simple steps that you can use to help establish a command to have the dog stop barking using “Quiet”. Note that this is just for general cases and specific issues may require a more directed treatment plan.

First, NEVER use any form of physical punishment to correct barking (i.e.: hitting). If there is a case where the barking can’t be stopped, remove the dog from the situation and try training again at the next opportunity.

Next, follow the LEADERSHIP EXERCISES (either given by the trainer or available on our website). This will help establish you as the pack leader and help dictate to the dog what behaviors are acceptable and allowed. It will also help to improve the relationship between you and your dog making it easier to train a new command.

To teach the “Quiet” command is simple. When the dog barks, show him a treat and tell him “Quiet”, then wait for the dog to stop barking. Only say the command once and be patient as it may take a few minutes for the dog to stop. When the dog stops barking, say “Good Quiet” and reward the dog with a treat. Repeat these steps each time until the dog stops barking immediately at least 90% of the time when the “Quiet” command is given. Once that threshold is reached, replace “Good Quiet” with the release word (“OK”) and praise and reward. If the dog falls below the 90% threshold, take a step back in training and start back at the beginning to reinforce the command then proceed from there.

Note that petting or a verbal praise can be used if there is no immediate access to treats but try and use treats exclusively in the beginning to help establish a positive association with the command.

If you have questions or need a more specific treatment plan, please contact us.