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ABOUT CANINE UK

Canine UK starts with audit before assumptions. We look at the individual dog, their health, behaviour, environment and everyday life, alongside the needs and capabilities of their owner. Our approach puts safety, welfare, practical progress and owner understanding first.

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Record the pattern. Change the setup. Check recovery.



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Barking can occur for different reasons in different settings. Observe what happens before, during and after before choosing a response.

Find the pattern

Record what happened immediately before, where the dog was, who was present and what the dog did as well as bark. Keep possible explanations separate from confirmed observation.

Prevent predictable rehearsal

Choose one recurring situation and change the environment before the usual trigger. This may mean managing a view, access route or visitor routine while meeting the dog's practical needs.

Teach a useful alternative

Practise away from the difficult situation first. Moving with the owner, settling on a comfortable station or choosing a suitable activity may help when taught at an achievable level.

Review comfort and recovery

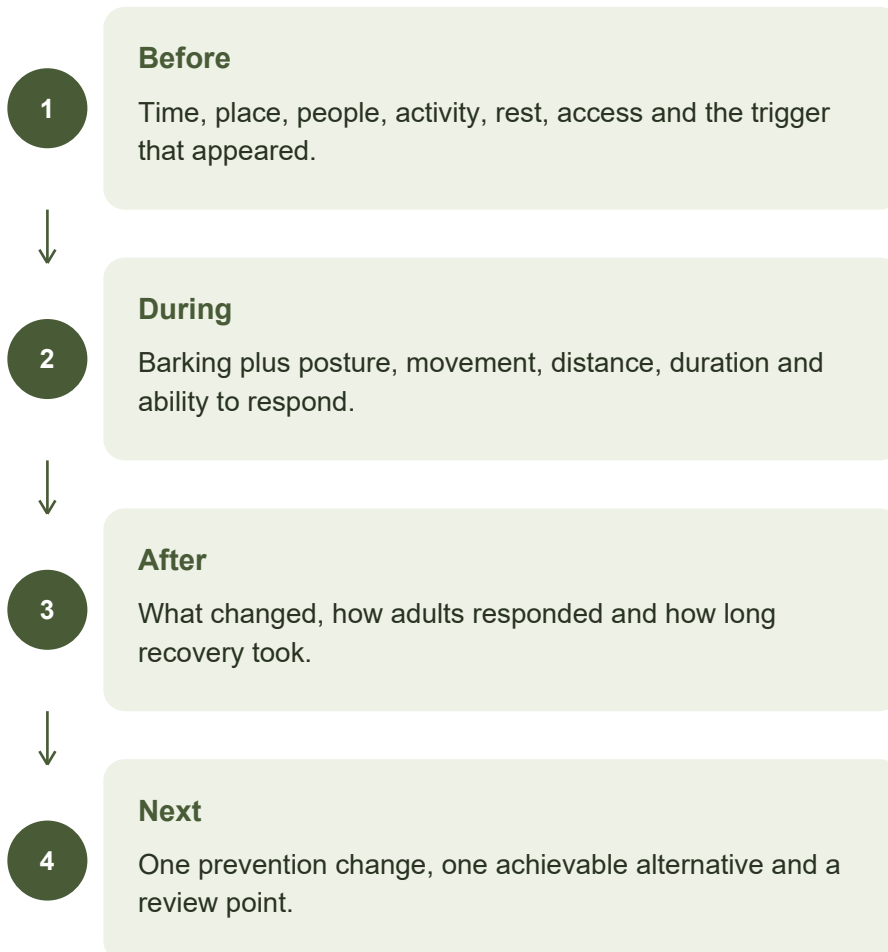
Compare frequency, duration, intensity and recovery in similar situations. Record changes in exposure, not just changes in noise. Quiet alone does not prove comfort.

One rule will not fit every cause

Do not ignore barking that signals fear, a toilet need or separation distress. Do not shout over the dog or rely on a device to suppress sound without addressing the context. Sudden change, pain, persistent distress or bite risk needs professional help.

Use before, during and after

Write what you can see and hear before deciding what it might mean.



Do not provoke a display

Use naturally occurring observations. Creating a stronger reaction to obtain a clearer recording adds risk and can worsen the problem.

Measure more than silence

A useful review includes comfort, recovery, household impact and the conditions in which barking changed.

My barking observation sheet

Record one situation. Describe observable facts first, then label any possible explanation as a hypothesis.

Date and situation: Where was the dog, and who was present?

Before: What happened immediately before the barking?

During: Posture, movement, distance, duration and response to adults?

After: What changed, and how long did recovery take?

Possible explanation: What might be happening, and what remains uncertain?

One prevention change: What can be arranged before the next event?

Review and support: What improved, worsened or needs professional help?

Need help with your own dog?

This resource is a starting point, not a substitute for an individual assessment.

A Canine UK audit helps us understand your dog, your concerns and your circumstances before recommending an appropriate pathway.

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