

# Man's Best Friend

It's been said that "a dog is a man's best friend". But that friendship wears a bit thin when the dog barks at night or in the early morning hours. According to the Maricopa County Animal Care and Control (MCACC) web site, a dog barks because he is trying to tell you something. If he's left alone outside, one of the more common reasons for barking, he's probably saying, "I'm bored and lonely." Or if your dog isn't getting enough exercise, he's probably barking to tell you he is frustrated and anxious. To prevent barking, it is important to take care of your dog's emotional and physical needs.



Maricopa County Ordinance No. 6, Regulation of Barking Dogs, states:

*"It shall be unlawful for any person having custody or control of a dog in any unincorporated area of Maricopa County to permit that dog to bark excessively. For purpose of this Ordinance, a bark, yowl, yip or any other noise made naturally by a dog shall be deemed to be a bark."*

*Upon receiving a complaint about a barking dog, the County Enforcement Agent shall investigate the circumstances and recommend a mediator to resolve any dispute between any person violating this ordinance and any aggrieved person."*

If you are experiencing a problem with an owned, barking dog in your neighborhood, you may contact the Maricopa County Animal Care and Control, at 602-506-7387

Maricopa County's leash law "*prohibits you from allowing your dog to run at large outside your property at any time. Your dog must be confined to your home or property, either inside the home or within an enclosed yard. When you take your dog outside of its confined area, it must be restrained on a leash that is no longer than six feet in length.*"

Be a best friend to your dog and give them exercise and companionship. Help preserve the quiet neighborhoods that our residents desire. Keep your dog on a leash and keep him safe. With your help, Sun City West will continue to be *the* premier retirement community.



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