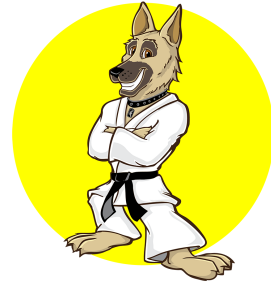


SPEAK & QUIET

Capping & Building Drive



This video started out quite accidentally. Jimi started barking at me to get his lotus ball. I thought, “Hey, this is a great time to address the issue of dogs who bark at people.” I get that all the time. More importantly, this barking can be a useful tool for some dogs who have little drive. Barking at the handler gives the dog some confidence and that confidence can be a good thing.

There are so many owners who complain that their dog constantly barks at stuff. All they want is a way to get the dog to stop barking. I address that in this lesson as well.

Overall, this “accidental lesson” will end up being one of the most important things you’ll learn in terms of a dog’s drive. Watch the video and the lesson carefully, there’s a lot more info here than what lies on the surface.

SPEAK:

There are many times people want their dogs to bark or speak! Sometimes it’s just a fun trick to teach, others like to use it as a way to ask for the opposite behavior; If I tell you when to speak, I can tell you when to be quiet. Agility & high drive dog sport practitioners like to get the dog riled up before going to compete. Protection dog trainers like to have their dogs bark on command for things like the bark & hold.

Overall, it’s a great thing to teach your dog for a multitude of reasons... but you **MUST** be able to get the dog to **STOP BARKING TOO!**

DRIVES UP – DRIVES DOWN:

When a dog is barking his drive is elevated. He’s in action... When he stops barking, those drives are “capped.” Capping a drive means “putting a lid on it.” We want to be able to do that because it’s a good skill and it builds respect from the dog to the handler. If you can control your dog’s drives, you can control your dog.

I always suggest being able to control your dog in play situations because it will allow you to control your dog in other situations. Barking dogs can be annoying to us and also to other dogs. This can cause problems, so give you dog a time to bark and a time to **DOWN** or quiet. Remember, **DOWN** means **STOP** what you’re doing and **LIE DOWN!**

SHY DOGS:

Teaching a shy or insecure dog to bark at you is a good way to build some confidence. But you’ll need to make sure that you can control the dog. Often it’s good to get a good balanced

trainer to help you along. But, dogs who can build the confidence to bark at a person are a lot more confident than dogs who shy away.

DOGS BARK WHEN FRUSTRATED:

One of the easiest ways to get your dog to bark is to frustrate him (in a controlled situation of course). Put his favorite toy out of his reach or put it up a tree. Once he barks, give it to him. Continue this until you can get it consistent – then put it on cue. That means, put a command to what the dog is doing... WHEN he is doing it. You can use SPEAK, BARK, etc...

REINFORCE OFTEN:

Make sure you reinforce the good behaviors like the DOWN. When the dog is quiet, praise the dog CALMLY. MARK the behavior / the BARK with excited praise and egg him on to keep going. When you say DOWN, you become CALM and reward calmly. This is a tough thing to learn, but in the video you'll see me doing it – watch Jimi's response!



Takeaways from Speak & Quiet:

1. Teaching your dog to bark also means teaching him to be quiet.
2. DOWN means QUIET. You don't need 2 commands.
3. To make a dog bark, frustrate him.
4. Reward calmly for DOWN and QUIET.
5. Keep your energy HIGH to get your dog to continue the barking.
6. Put the BARK on cue... add a command so that you can utilize it when you want it.

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