

Dog Training Articles
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Watch Your Tone

Not only is it important to be consistent in the commands that you use but the tone in which you command is important also. Dogs communicate to each other by the use of body language and verbal growls or barks. A growl is a very quick and quiet sound coming from deep in the dog's stomach. This tells another dog to stop immediately or there will be repercussions.

When giving your dog a verbal command you should use one word and say it in a quick and serious manner. This way your command will resemble a growl and your dog will respond quickly. Most people either command as if they are begging their dog to respond to the command, or the famous singing of commands (SSSIITTT).

Women must learn to speak with a deeper tone (probably why dogs listen to their masters quicker than their mistresses) but not with volume. A growl from another dog is never loud, remember, it's from the stomach. Use volume for emergencies only, your dog can hear your commands he chooses not to listen.

But don't let your bark be worse than your bite. If your dog does not immediately respond follow up with a correction. If your dog is making the same mistakes and he knows the exercise, then the consequence to disobedience is not a deterrent. You must then step up the level of correction and praise immediately for the correct behavior.