

# TIPS 'N' TAILS

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## Bark Busters Training Creates Lifelong Behavior Change

Two years ago, Rycki Hull, a vet tech at Portland Veterinary Service in Portland, Michigan, was in serious need of help from Bark Busters. Her dog, Nelson, had an extremely severe case of separation anxiety. Nelson caused damage to Rycki's house estimated at \$2000, and



was making life totally miserable for Rycki. Because separation anxiety can be one of the most difficult behavior issues to address, we

checked back with Rycki recently to see how things were going. "I couldn't be happier," says Rycki. "We have absolutely no problems anymore. Nelson is very well behaved. Plus, my boyfriend and I have merged our homes and Nelson, who had been extremely hyper in the past, had no problem with the change. He's very happy and relaxed. Because of the Bark Busters lifetime guarantee, our trainer, Kendra, came to our house at no cost to train my boyfriend just to make certain everything went well."

To read the full article about Nelson's severe separation anxiety originally published in April 2005, go to <http://www.hilltopanimalhospital.com/separation%20anxiety4.htm>.

## What's Inside...

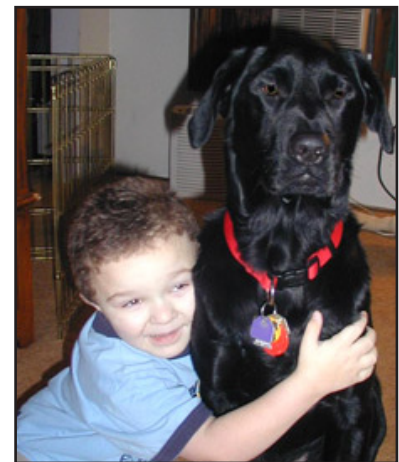
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## Veterinarian with Special Needs Child Gets Help from Bark Busters

Dr. Steven Barta and his wife, Mischell, had their hands full with Boo, their 3 year-old male Lab/Golden mix. According to Dr. Barta, a veterinarian at Anchor Bay Animal Hospital in New Baltimore, Michigan, "Boo had always been aggressive about his food. Touching his dish when he ate was not a good idea. He would also 'patrol' the dinner table, and when no one was looking, he would jump on the table and take the food. He would take food from our children and growl if he was corrected. He would also get on the furniture and growl at us if we wanted to sit down. Things were getting out of hand and we became very mistrustful of Boo. It got bad enough that we needed to install an electric invisible fence in the house to restrict him to certain rooms."

Making things more difficult, the Barta's have a 4 ½ year-old special-needs child, Joshua, who has brain disorders that restrict his ability to balance and deal with situations as a normal child might. Dr. Barta adds, "We were told that Joshua would probably not survive being born. Although he presents us with many unique challenges, he is a blessing and a great source of joy for the family. He loves all animals and likes to cuddle with Boo on the floor. When Boo leaves his place on the couch, Joshua likes to get in his place and enjoy the warmth. However, we became very concerned when Boo started to growl at Joshua. Our emotions ran the gamut from worry, fear, stress, anger, and finally dread. We knew something had to change, soon."

Dr. Barta heard about Bark Busters from his colleagues, who had referred their clients to Bark Busters and also had their own dogs trained with excellent results. He and Mischell decided that Bark Busters was the answer.



Joshua with Boo

Dr. Barta continued, "Our Bark Busters trainer, John Moyses, made a very strong impression on Mischell and me. He was very knowledgeable, personable, and had an obvious concern for dogs and the human/animal bond that exists. I found the training techniques to be very simple and not at all violent or cruel. They are very humane and made a lot of sense after John explained them, which he did very well. John showed us how Boo was fearful and confused, and that he didn't know his place in our family 'pack.' We had previously taken Boo to obedience training, and while that helped, it didn't address these more serious problems. Mischell and I have now worked with Boo using the techniques taught to us by John and he has made some big changes. Boo no longer needs to be confined by the electric



invisible fence and shock collar, and he has full access to the entire house, which we love. He no longer gets on the furniture used by Joshua, his growling has stopped, and we are no longer fearful of 'what he might do'. He now knows his place in the

pack, and has become much more relaxed.”

Dr. Barta had one more item to add: “The Bark Busters lifetime guarantee is the best I have seen; it can't be beat! I have and will continue to recommend Bark Busters to my clients, family and friends.”

Comments from Bark Busters trainer John Moyses:

“When I first assessed the Barta's situation I became very concerned that the electric fence would lead to some major problems. Boo already felt that he was 'in charge', and restricting him like that was liable to make the situation much worse. Additionally, Joshua had a very strong and needed relationship with Boo, and I felt it was important to nurture this relationship rather than take it away. This required changing Boo's behavior so that he would not growl at Joshua and would consider him his friend. I think everyone was surprised at how fast Boo changed. Once he received the leadership he needed from the Bartas, his behavior changed immediately. It's wonderful to see how the relationship between Joshua and Boo has since grown.”

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*Barta family: Mischell, Steven and son, Joshua, with Boo*

## Why I Recommend Bark Busters

Written by Kelly Gray, client, Virginia Beach, VA

First, I have to say that Bark Busters saved our family. That alone is a pretty good reason to recommend Bark Busters. But, there is more to the story.

My husband, Karl, and I decided to get a puppy before we had children, just like a lot of families. One day, I was walking a boxer for a friend, and Karl came up to me and started talking about getting a puppy. We knew right then that a boxer was the breed we wanted. Soon afterwards, we found a beautiful white boxer, we named her Bailey. Initially, she was very shy. Then, all of a sudden, she became the craziest dog. She jumped all over everyone and knocked them down. She would get up on the table and eat the food. She chewed on everything. Karl and I didn't know what to do. This wasn't how we had pictured our family.

We decided to take Bailey to a training school at one of the big pet stores. It did help train her but on all the wrong things. She could sit and shake hands, but her behavior continued to get worse. We wanted a well-behaved dog, but the training didn't help us achieve our goal. Months went by and we just lived with the problems, thinking there wasn't anything we could do. Then we found out we were going to have a baby. I cried almost every day at the thought that Bailey might not be able to be around our new baby.

The issues seemed to get worse every day. Karl bought me

a new video camera so we could capture the baby's first few days; Bailey destroyed it in a matter of minutes. At this point Karl and I knew we had to do something. But what, we didn't know. A few days later, I was at work crying and telling my co-workers I might need to find a new home for our puppy. One of them showed me a Bark Busters advertisement in a local magazine. They offered a lifetime guarantee, and that got my attention. I was very nervous about using a training company because I don't believe in hitting an animal, and many companies use harsh methods. But the Bark Busters information said they only use simple communication techniques. Karl and I decided to go ahead, we were desperate for help.



*Kelly with newborn Ava and Bailey*

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Our Bark Busters trainers, Norm and Judi Schaeffler, came to our home and we talked about all of Bailey's issues, especially our concern with the arrival of our new baby. It was AMAZING how fast Bailey started to change when they started the training and showed us how to be her leader. We could tell that Norm and Judi knew exactly what they were doing. I thought I knew so much about dog behavior from what I had previously learned, but after listening to them I realized I had no clue. They helped us not only change Bailey's behavior, but also with advice on food and toys.

After the training, Bailey was finally a well-behaved dog. No more jumping, eating off the table, chewing, or any other problems. But, Karl and I were still scared to bring our baby, Ava, home from the hospital several months later. We remembered all the things Norm and Judi told us to do. I first

came into the house with Ava's blanket and let Bailey sniff it. Then Karl came into the house with Ava and Bailey sniffed her and just walked away. We were so relieved. Bailey now knows that Ava is part of the family, and loves to be with her. I can set Ava on the floor and Bailey will lay with her. When Ava is sleeping in her crib, Bailey sleeps underneath.

I had my doubts that Bailey could ever be trained. But it definitely worked. I loved Norm and Judi and the training techniques they used. They saved our family, and I would recommend Bark Busters to anyone."

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## Prison Training Works!

*The story below was written by Caran DuBois, of Jamestown, North Carolina. Caran, a friend of Bark Busters trainer Jan Janecki, recently adopted Greta, a boxer mix from the "New Leash on Life" prison dog adoption program in Guilford County, North Carolina.*



"Well, Greta graduated from prison on Wednesday. We are totally and completely in love with her. The inmate trainers did a wonderful job with her. They used the Bark Busters training methods, which were great. The local Bark Busters trainer, Amy Clear, trained the inmates, and the inmates then trained Greta. It's win-win for everyone!

Greta is amazing! She is the gentlest giant I've ever met. She's a boxer mix weighing 72 lbs. – all muscle. She's bonding with us nicely already and won't let us out of her sight for long. She sleeps all night in the bed I bought her at Target. We have a crate for her, all you need to do is tell her to "kennel up" and she goes inside by herself.

She can sit, stay, high-five, lay down, roll over, come, and so many other things. The inmates trained us on the Bark Busters voice commands and hand signals and we are continuing to use them. Funny thing is, all we have to do is say "BAAAH" and she stops doing whatever she was doing wrong. It's amazing! We learned that from the inmates, and also from our daughter who had Bark Busters help them with their two dogs.

I can't say enough about the prison program supported by Bark Busters, and their training techniques. We thank everyone involved."

## Thousands See Bark Busters in Wisconsin

Bark Busters trainers Linda Conrad and Greg Reetz wanted to find a way to reach many people who were upset with their dog's behavior – and they found it. They rented a kiosk in the Hilldale Mall in Madison over the Holidays. This was perhaps the first time this approach was used to show people how easy it is to change a dog's behavior – if you know how. Linda commented: "In just 30 days, literally thousands of people were



*Bark Busters kiosk in Hilldale Mall, Wisconsin*

exposed to Bark Busters. And hundreds of people wanted to know what to do with their misbehaving dogs. In addition, many people wanted to purchase Bark Busters' proprietary products, such as our leashes and collars." Greg indicated that most people filled out the

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unique Bark Busters behavior rating form that rates their dog's behavior on an A-F scale. The average score was a 'D,' which indicates that most people were constantly being annoyed or embarrassed by their dog's behavior. Linda finished by saying, "I'm always amazed at how many people accept their dog's bad behavior as 'normal.' Greg and I were able to show many people that simple training can change the dog's behavior and change their own lives, also."

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