

Dogs, Barking and Crime

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Below are links to several videos that record the sound of dogs barking. The purpose of these videos is to showcase not the dogs as pets, but to call attention to a certain aspect of their behavior, in this case barking at a total stranger in the street. These dogs come off as high-strung, nervous, easily provoked, and aggressive. This is a terrible way for a dog, or for any living creature to live, made worse if they are trained to behave that way.

So, why do people own dogs that exhibit such unpleasant behavior? The answer to this question is simple: FEAR. It's the same reason why people purchase handguns and other lethal weapons. We live in a society in which violent crime is a major problem and one which is getting worse. VIOLENT STREET CRIME IS A NATIONWIDE PROBLEM.

Our current laws, which in some locales has included defunding the police, do not sufficiently deter the predators who commit violent crimes – which include breaking and entering, burglary, robbery, assault, rape, and murder, many of which occur in private homes. So, it is understandable that individual citizens want to protect themselves by owning guard dogs and other animals trained to deter a would-be predator from breaking into a home, which is one of the most terrifying things that can happen to anyone. Below are published statistics on crime.

- In 2022, the FBI reported 847,522 burglaries. That's an estimated 269.8 cases per 100,000 people. (Criminal Justice Information Services Division)
- Burglaries and residential break-ins are seeing a downward trend. In 2023, they are 26% lower than 2019. (Council on Criminal Justice)
- A break-in occurs every 26 seconds in the US. (FBI)
- Homes without a security system are 300% more likely to be broken into and burglarized. (Alarms.org)
- 46.9% of people don't have a home security system installed in their home. (The Zebra)
- 83% of would-be burglars check for the presence of an alarm system before attempting a break-in. (FBI)
- 34% of burglars use the front door when breaking into a home. (Bureau of Justice)
- Police solve only 12% of reported burglary cases. (Pew Research Center)
- Every 15 seconds a home burglary occurs in the United States. This means that approximately 4,800 burglaries happen every day.
- Break-ins occurring between 6 AM and 6 PM increase in likelihood by 6%.
- Most burglaries happen in the summertime between the summer months of June and August.
- Frequent home invasions happen between the hours of 10 am and 3 pm when the homeowners are commonly away from the home.
- However, 27.6% of all home burglaries, someone is home during a burglary.

Sources:

[Burglary Statistics in 2025 | The Zebra](#)

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