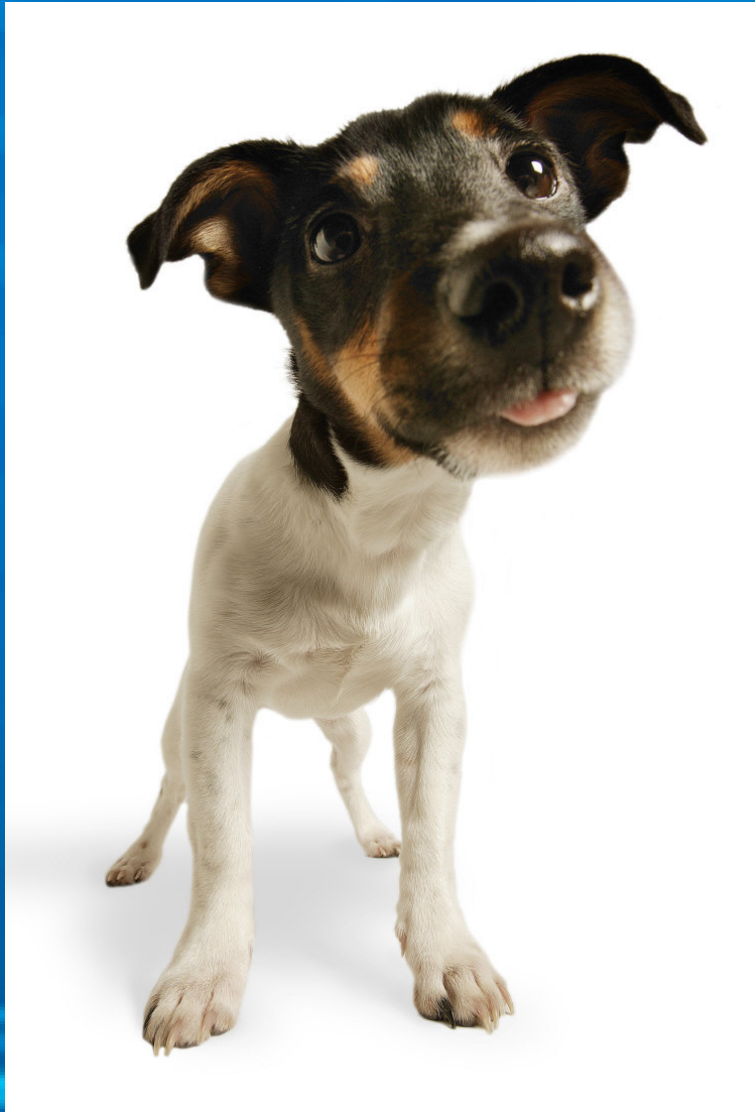




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Barking Mad or Peace in the Community

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Overview

- What is it about barking
- Processes
- Technology
- Development of a Standard



What's the Problem

- Very Personal
 - Individual Sensitivities
 - Location Specific
- Hard to quantify – harder to prove
- People get defensive

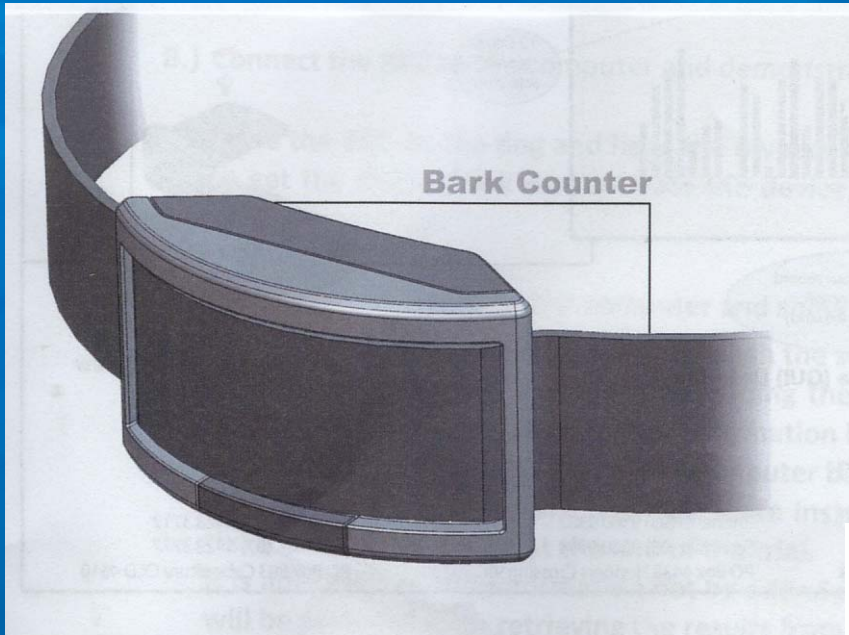


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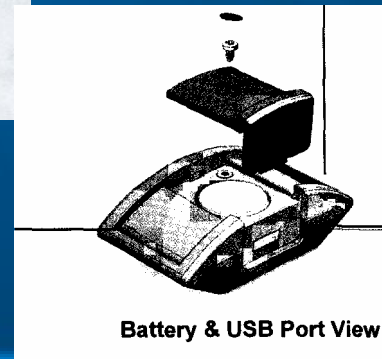
- Clear written procedures
- Written complaint & diary
- Stay in touch
- 90% resolved within 4 weeks



Technology



Bark Counting Collar

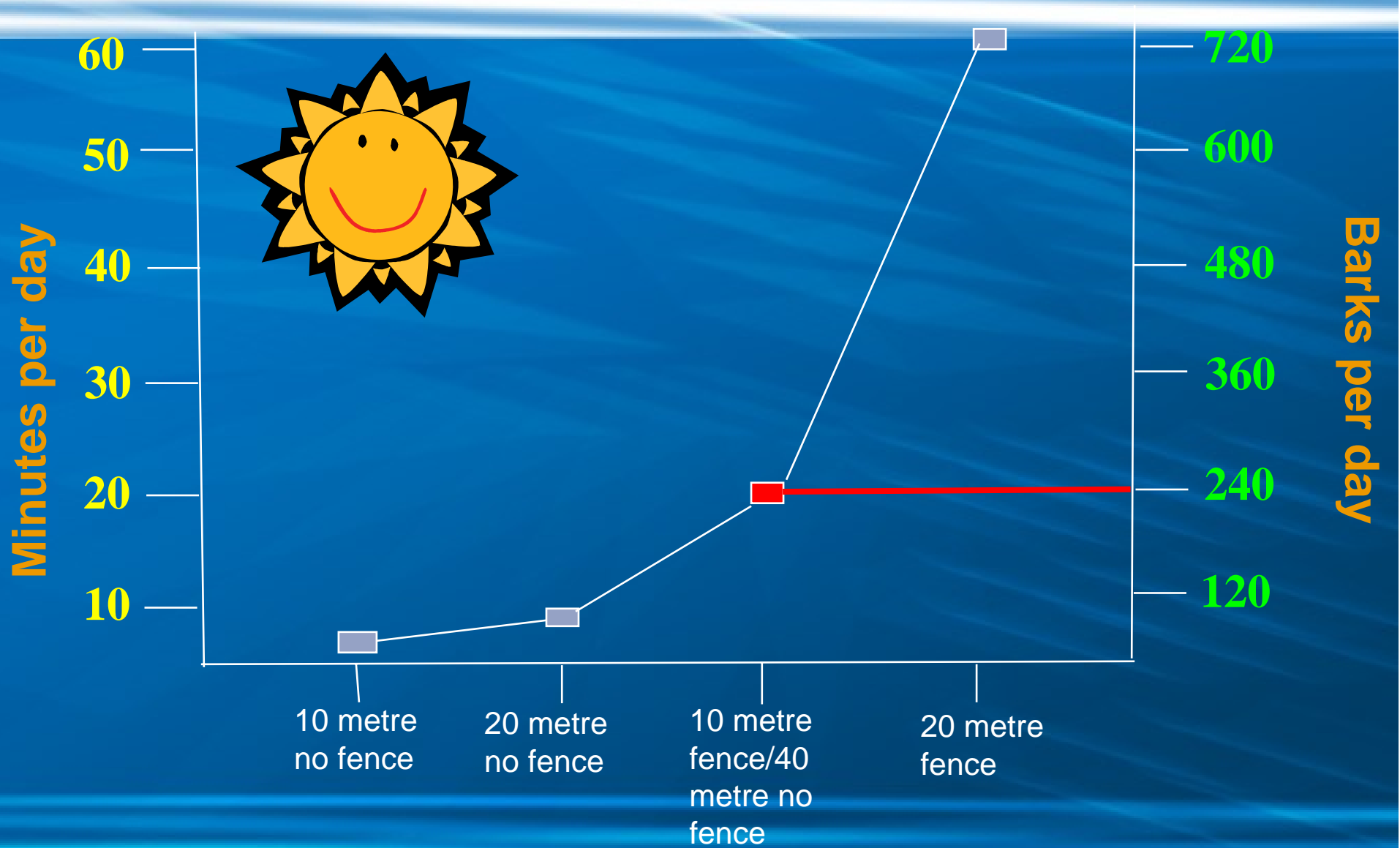


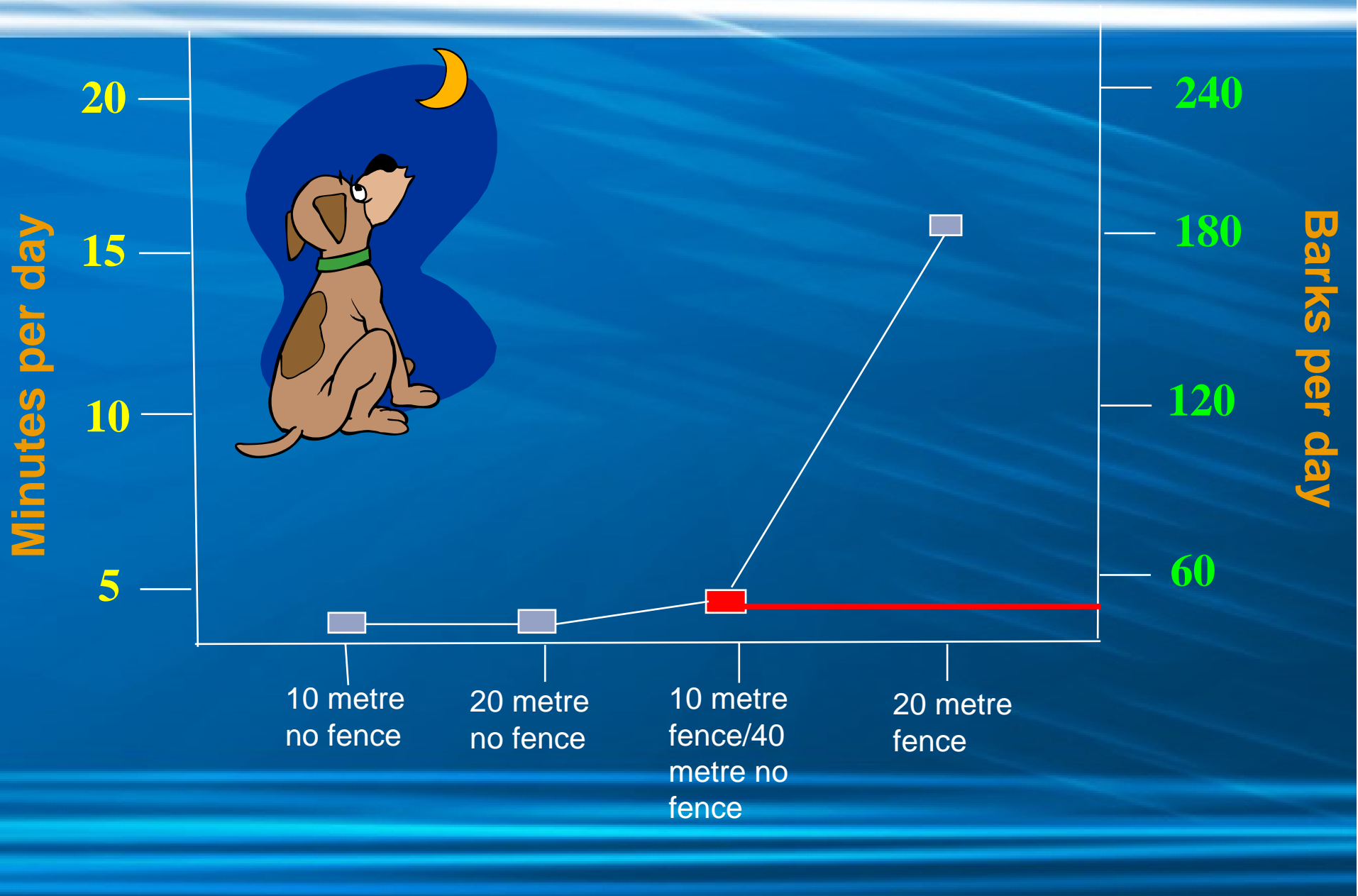


Development of Standard

- How much is too much?
- Scientific measurement
- Objective guide










Nuisance Barking

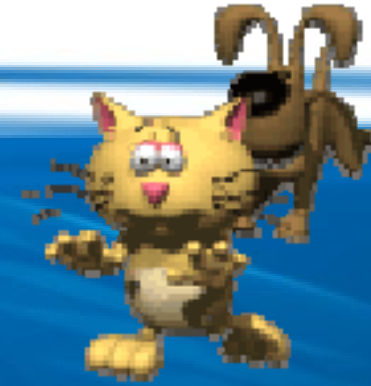
- Exceeds 240 barks per day
- Exceeds 32 barks per night
- More than once during the survey period
- Enforce





Excessive Barking

- Almost reaches nuisance
- Regularly exceeds 30 barks an hour in a day 
- Regularly exceeds 4 barks per hour in a night
- Advise





Acoustic Monitoring

- Existing technology
- Improvements in data storage



Acoustic Monitoring

- Provides factual evidence
- Supported by expert witness
- Not prone to interference
- LGA Funding



What have we got

- Receive formal complaint
- Investigate using diary etc
- Bark Counting Collar
- Acoustic Monitoring



Outcome

1. Solid evidence tools
2. Basis to measure nuisance
3. Steady downward trend in dog barking complaints (15%)