

Never punish a growl! A dog's growl is not the first warning, but it may be the first one that is recognised or acknowledged.

A growl is a verbal notification that the dog is scared, in pain, or unhappy with a situation.

Punishing a growl teaches the dog that a growl is bad and doesn't help to resolve whatever is bothering him/her.

Punishing a growl will result in a dog who will escalate to a bite, with no verbal warning.

These are often labelled dogs who "bit out of nowhere"