

## **THE SOUND OF MUSIC**

The following has been adapted from material on the [ASPCapro.org](http://ASPCapro.org) website



It is important to choose music that is soothing and calming to dogs, such as some classical music or music created specifically for dogs.



Discordant music, such as heavy metal, can actually increase vocal behaviour and agitation, and decrease resting- it must be avoided!

### **Materials**

- A selection of classical music CDs (CDs of bird song also make good listening for canines.) See [throughadogsear.com](http://throughadogsear.com)
- If your facility does not have a public address system, you can use portable CD players that you place in kennel areas.
- All you need here is someone to change the CDs from time to time.

### **What to do:**

- Play the tunes!
- Provide variety in both the music and the times at which it is played. We need to be aware of playing the same music repeatedly or continuously, as we don't want to lose its enrichment value. For example, you can alternate bird song and music in the morning and afternoons.
- Observe whether any of your music selections increase vocal behavior and agitation among the dogs. If so, remove these selections from the rotation. Add more choices that are similar to the music that doesn't inspire the dogs to "sing" along.