

We have used the Scraminal for many years as a very efficient alarm on our gate. The gate is about 50m from the house but the piercing ring of the Scraminal can be heard clearly from inside the house and even from the orchard on the other side of the house. Most tradesmen who come through the gate stop very quickly, thinking that either their cell phone is ringing or else the alarm is sounding IN the house.

- A.H. (Northland)

When they first described it to me, I thought it couldn't possibly work but I had it shipped to us anyway. When it arrived I looked at the small inconspicuous object and pictured it having a short life span in my four-dog home.

Well, this little guy works very well. Good Dog test dog, Jake, a 65 pound Gordon Setter, is a black long haired and loves to roll in dirt like a chicken. Jake has a favourite chair in our family room, light yellow in colour. This was not a canine resting place approved by my husband. I was planning to have the chair cleaned and thought this would provide a perfect test for the Scraminal. If the Scraminal could convince this large, set-in-his ways setter not to sleep on that chair after a year of comfort, it could work miracles.

I positioned the Scraminal in the centre of the chair, on its low noise level. I approached the chair. The Scraminal let out its piercing shrink that could stampede an elephant. Jake left the room.

Later, one of the other dogs entered the room and set off the Scraminal from mid-room, a definite false alarm. My husband went in and turned it so it faced the centre of the back of the chair. That way the Scraminal only went off if a dog actually tired to get up on the chair not when anyone entered the room.

Jake tried to get up on the chair a few more times. The Scraminal screamed. Jake began avoiding the chair. About a week into this little test, I turned the Scraminal off and put it away. A month later, Jake will still not go onto the chair.

- Lydia

