

Title: Home Security System vs. Dogs and Guns: Who Wins?

SEO Title: Are Alarm Systems Better than Dogs or Guns?

Meta Description: Can a gun or a dog match up against a professional home security system? The answer is clear.

Body:

“Why do I need a professional security system when I have my dog and my gun?”

This is a common question about getting an alarm system installed that makes sense to ask.

ADS Security understands and appreciates your desire to protect yourself and your family in the best ways possible, and we want to present some food for thought when it comes to the effectiveness of dogs and/or guns in the home versus your standard home security system.

Round One: Guns vs. Home Security Systems

We could throw a bunch of statistics your way that tell you that 89% of unintentional shooting deaths of children occur in the home and that people who have easy access to firearms at home are twice as likely to be the victim of a homicide, but we know how important it is as Americans to have the right to own a weapon. This isn't a discussion of whether or not you should own guns - this is an examination of the effectiveness of guns vs. a professionally installed and monitored security system. Let's take a situation where a break-in happens when someone is home (even though many occur when the house is empty and firearms are one of the first things to be stolen):

Person A without an alarm system wakes up to the sounds of someone in his home. He doesn't know how long the person has been in his home because he was sound asleep. He awakens, groggily reaches for his glasses and a flashlight, goes to his gun safe, gets his safe combination right after a few attempts, gets his gun, gets the ammunition, loads his gun, and goes to confront the intruder. He proceeds carefully because he's not sure if there is someone in the home or if the cat just knocked over a glass. As he exits the room, the intruder, who is also armed, holds him at gunpoint, steals his gun and the entire contents of his gun safe as well, and continues robbing the home. Or, in the alternative, he hears an intruder and grabs his gun, which is his only line of defense without an alarm system. He approaches the intruder and fires, only to find out it was his teenage son, sneaking into the house after a late night (or his young child waking up in the middle of the night, going to the kitchen for a glass of water).

Person B with an alarm system sleeps soundly through the night because the person who was thinking of robbing their home saw the ADS sign, realized that even breaking in would immediately sound a loud siren and would send a signal to the 24/7 monitoring station, resulting

in an instant dispatch of emergency personnel. This would give the burglar almost no time to get in and out with anything valuable without getting caught.

A home security system can protect you from a burglary when:

- You and your family are home and awake
- You and your family are home and asleep
- You're at work and the house is empty
- You're on vacation
- Your kids are home by themselves
- You have a babysitter at home watching your kids
- Your spouse is home alone
- Nobody has been home in a few days

A gun can protect you from a burglary when:

- You're home and alert, have it loaded and ready, are properly trained, and are comfortable with the significant risk to your own health and safety as well as the health and safety of those around you.

It seems clear. The winner of this matchup is an ADS home security system!

Round Two: Dogs vs. Home Security System

Dogs are amazing creatures. Lovable, loyal, friendly - there's a reason we call them man's best friends. Even dogs with the fiercest barks and toughest attitudes typically turn into mushy furballs of fun when they get some attention or a treat. Can they be a deterrent in the case of a burglary? In some cases, sure! But how many times will your oh-so-vicious dog greet any stranger at the door with a wagging tail instead? It won't be much of a deterrent if your best friend practically invites the intruder inside, will it? Let's look at a comparison of an average dog and the average home security system.

Dogs:

- Sleep like 14 hours a day
- Can be bribed with treats, head pats, or even a "Who's a good boy?"
- Are at risk of being injured by an intruder with a weapon
- Do not react instantly
- Are scared of vacuum cleaners
- Get fooled by cats all the time
- May bark which might occasionally deter someone if it happens at the right time
- Can occasionally **increase** your homeowners insurance premiums

Home Security Systems:

- Are monitored 24 hours a day by a live team of people

- Can't be bribed with anything, not even a "Who's a good alarm system?"
- Cannot be injured
- React instantaneously to an alarm being breached
- Will eventually be able to control your vacuum cleaner
- Are smarter than cats
- Deter intruders through an instant alarm and an immediate risk of capture
- Can **decrease** your homeowners insurance premiums

And the winner to round two goes, once again, to a professionally installed ADS home security system!

Guns vs. Home Security System. Winner: Home Security System

Guns exist for our self-protection, for the protection of others, and for the eventual zombie apocalypse. They don't act as a deterrent against an intruder to your home until it's already too late and the risk of injury or death is very high. In fact, many burglars have said that if they see NRA stickers on cars parked outside of a home, that just tells them that there will be guns to steal! Guns can't prevent burglaries when you're not home, not prepared, or asleep, either.

Dogs vs. Home Security System. Winner: Home Security System

Dogs, like guns, can protect your family once an intruder has already broken into your home, if that dog isn't easily frightened, bribed, or turned into a lovable puppy with a little head rubbing. Keep your dog as a family pet to love and have around for years instead of having a dog to risk its life in case of an intruder.

Final verdict: Get an ADS Home Security System today!

An ADS home security system is designed completely to deter intruders, prevent burglaries, and raise the alarm in the case of a break-in immediately, getting the right assistance instantly when it's needed. Our security systems not only protect you, they protect your dogs and guns too! Find out more about the options we offer by [building your own security system](#) today.