



# Barking Dog Complaint Form

## Barking dog complaint form:

INITIAL NOISE COMPLAINT FORM

Please print neatly in BLOCK LETTERS with black or blue pen only

**Please complete the form and the attached log sheets for a MINIMUM period of 14 days. Council Officers will take no action until they have received this form completed in full, with all questions answered, document signed, and log sheet completed for the minimum 14-day period.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Barking Dog: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Dog: Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Colour \_\_\_\_\_

Have you discussed the barking dog issue with your neighbour? YES NO

Has another neighbour made a comment to you about the dog barking? YES NO

If YES, who was it and are they willing to support your complaint?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ YES NO

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ YES NO

Are you prepared to have this matter mediated? YES NO

Are you prepared to give evidence in court if necessary? YES NO

I, \_\_\_\_\_, wish to make a complaint in relation to a barking dog at the above address and state that I am prepared to give the evidence under oath before a Court should the complaint not be rectified by the attending Council Officer. I further understand that should it be found that I have given false or misleading information on this document, I will be held accountable before a court of Law for giving false information.

### Privacy Statement

The personal information requested on this form is being collected by Council for the purpose of enforcing the Section 32 of the Domestic Animal Act 1994. The personal information will be used solely by Council for that primary purpose or directly related purposes. The Council may disclose this information if required to do so by law. If this information is not collected, we may be unable to action your complaint fully. You can gain access to your own information by contacting Council's Freedom of Information Officer/Privacy Officer (ph. 03 5624 2411).

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Over what period of time has the dog been barking? (e.g. Weeks – Month – Years)

How often does the dog bark? (e.g. Over a day or week)

How would you describe the barking sound (e.g. high pitched, low growling, short or long in duration or persistent)?

How does the noise impact on you? (e.g. Does it stop you sleeping or carrying out your daily functions?)

When did the dog arrive at the premises?

When did the dog start barking?

Does the barking occur whilst the owners are home or away from the Premises?

Any additional information that may assist the Officers in their investigation.

An example diary is shown below to assist you in completing your diary:

Date	Time barking started	Time barking stopped	Intermittent (I) Continuous (C)	Barking for how long?	Reason for barking? (Weather, person walking past, another animal, construction etc)	Noise (How does the noise affect you?)
17/08/16	5:31am	5:35am	I	10 barks	Not sure	Woke me up
17/08/16	7:03am	7:38am	C	16+ barks	Owner left house	Frustrated
17/08/16	7:50am	7:53am	C	16+ barks	Cat on fence	N/A
17/08/16	---	---	---	---	---	At work 8:30am - 2:30pm
17/08/16	3:00pm	3:01pm	C	4 barks	Person walking past	N/A
17/08/16	3:08pm	3:12pm	I	10 barks	Not sure	N/A
17/08/16	3:21pm	3:30pm	C	16+ barks	Kids in the street	Can't hear tv
17/08/16	3:42pm	3:43pm	I	8 barks	Not sure	N/A
17/08/16	4:03pm	4:17pm	I	16+ barks	I was in my backyard	Frustrated
17/08/16	4:30pm	4:31pm	C	9 barks	Owner came home	N/A
17/08/16	5:09pm	5:12pm	C	16+ barks	Not sure	N/A
17/08/16	5:17pm	6:20pm	I	16+ barks	Not sure	Annoying

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