

BARKING COMPLAINTS

Barking is one of the ways dogs communicate. It can signify playfulness, loneliness, boredom or frustration, attention seeking, defending its territory or medical problems. As well as indicating a possible distressed animal. Excessive barking can be a nuisance to people living nearby. Often the problem occurs when the dog owner is out of the house, and the owner may not even know there is a problem until someone complains.

Barking complaints are very difficult to deal with. The following package has been provided to help you deal with the problem and asks questions that will assist the Officer in rectifying the barking problem. The Officer will do everything in his/her power to deal with the problem but cannot possibly spend the time required to document excessive barking. Please be sure to include as much information as possible and keep the barking log for one week as requested. Please be as specific as possible when keeping the log. **It is NOT sufficient to say the dog barked off and on.** You are the one who hears the dog barking and will be the one giving this evidence should your case need to go to court.

BARKING COMPLAINT INFORMATION FORM

To be completed and signed by complainant before investigation begins. Please include as much information as possible (* indicates required field).

Complainant's Name*:

Complainant's Address*:

Complainant's Phone*:

Dog Owner's Name:

Dog Owner's Address*:

Dog Owner's Phone:

If you can, describe the dog (breed, colour, size):

How long has barking been a problem*:

Relationship to the dog owner*:

If other, please specify

What steps have you taken to rectify the problem: (example spoke to dog owner, called animal control, police, municipal office, councillor, mayor)*:

If you have spoken to the dog owner, what was the response by the owner to the problem you presented to them:

Have you had other problems with this person*: Yes No

If yes, please specify:

Was this problem resolved to your satisfaction: Yes No

If no, please specify:

