

REGULATORY SERVICES

ANIMAL MANAGEMENT GUIDELINE

BARKING DOG PROCESS

Resolving a barking dog nuisance is a difficult task which requires a joint effort by yourself, the dog owner, Council and the neighbourhood.

Before Council can take any action we have to be sure that the *barking* of a dog *persistently* occurs to such a degree that it *unreasonably interferes* with the peace, comfort or social well-being of a *reasonable person*, undertaking their normal daily activities.

To assist Council has developed a barking dog process to give the person responsible for the dog an opportunity to find out when the dog is barking and to put in place measures to help minimise persistent barking.

The process is:-

Stage 1

- Both parties are provided with advice & information (pack 1)
- After 14 days or so Council will contact you to see if the barking has abated. If persistent barking continues stage 2 will be implemented.

Stage 2

- We will provide you with a diary template (pack 2) & request you complete a Barking Dog Diary over 7 days (in succession) and submit to Council
- Council will also at this stage make contact with the dog owner to advise them the alleged barking matter is being escalated.
- If a valid barking dog diary is received by Council a neighbourhood validation process will be undertaken by Council's Local Law Officers. If the barking nuisance is validated by other neighbours a Compliance Notice will be issued to the dog owner. If persistent barking continues stage 3 will be implemented.

Stage 3

- Non-compliance with the Compliance Notice will be validated through the completion of a further 7 day Barking Dog Diary.
- If completed Barking Dog Diaries are validated a Penalty Infringement Notice (\$261) will be issued to the dog owner.



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