

Bark Monitor Form

Animal Services acknowledges the receipt of your complaint concerning the barking dog(s).

Barking which is considered enforceable under the 1996 Dog Control Act is characterised as LOUD, PERSISTENT and a NUISANCE. According to section 55, dog owners must ensure their dogs do not create a nuisance by loud, excessive, persistent barking or howling.

This form is to help you provide the necessary information for us to proceed with your complaint. We require information specifying the times, dates, and duration of the occasions on which the dog(s) are barking or howling. We may also require audio recordings.

Note: One bark monitor form per address please. Any false, exaggerated, or inaccurate accounts of barking will jeopardise the success of your complaint.

Failure to return the diary within 14 days of receipt may result in council dismissing your complaint.

Complainant

Name (in full)	First	Middle	Last
	Home	Work	Mobile
Contact Details	Email		

Dog Owner

Name (if known)	First	Middle	Last
	Address		

Dog(s)

Description of barking dog(s)

Name	Breed	Sex	Size	Colour

In the event of a council hearing or court proceeding, you may be required to appear as a witness, therefore, your details may become public.

Initial Survey

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| 1. Does the dog bark more during the day or night? | Day | Night |
| 2. When are you most often home? | Day | Night |
| 3. Are the owners of the dog home when the barking occurs? | Yes | No |
| 4. Do the dog owners take corrective action when the dog barks? | Yes | No |
| 5. What do you believe causes the barking? What type of barking is it? | | |
| a. Reactive | | |
| b. Separation anxiety | | |
| c. Boredom | | |
| d. Demand barking. | | |
| 6. Any further comments/patterns/explanation to aid our investigation. | | |

Monitoring of Barking

It is important to be accurate with dates and times as this information may be used as evidence.

Example:

Date	Noise Begins	Noise Ends	Duration and type	# of barks	Reason	Audio recording?
12/6/24	9:01am	9:17am	16mins, separation anxiety barking		Left outside	Y – 16mins
17/6/24	14:25	15:50	1hr 25, howling + barking	 	Left outside in rain	Y – 10mins
17/6/24	17:30	17:55	5mins total reactive barking off and on		People walking by after work, dog left in front yard.	N

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Declaration

I declare that all contents of this document are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signed	Date
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