



## Barking Dog Diary

Name

Address

Contact telephone No.

Description of the complaint

Please complete the Barking Dog Diary found at the end of this form for a minimum of Seven days

**Impact Statement** – Please describe how the nuisance barking is affecting your peace, comfort and convenience whilst in your premises.


I hereby acknowledge that this statement is true and correct and I make it in the belief that a person making a false statement in the circumstances is liable to the penalties of perjury.

**I am / I am not** willing to attend court and give evidence in relation to this matter.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**Identification of dog/s and address the nuisance originates from:**

Breed	Colour	Gender	Description
Dog 1			

Dog 2

**Address barking originates from:**

**Reason to believe barking originates from this address**

*Disclaimer: The information provided in this Barking Dog Diary may be used by Council in legal proceedings. You may be required to attend court as a witness. Council cannot guarantee your confidentiality throughout the process.*

**The above written answers are a true representation of the statement given by me.**

**Signature**

**Date**





## How to complete a Barking Dog Diary

Your accuracy in recording nuisance barking is extremely important as it forms part of the evidence should the matter be presented in court. If this occurs, and you are cross-examined, this diary needs to be a clear record of what occurred on any particular day.

Please complete a detailed diary over a minimum of 7 days (please be aware that subsequent diaries may be required throughout the investigation process).

**Intermittent barking:** non-continuous barking, starts and stops

**Continuous barking:** continual non-stop barking without a break

1. Avoid recording large blocks stating “barking all day” or 7am to 7pm. This will affect the credibility of the diary and will not be considered detailed enough to act upon.
2. All entries should reflect the actual times the barking started and stopped.
3. During spates of intermittent barking over periods, ensure you record this in locks of no longer than 15 minutes to provide a more accurate picture of the nuisance>
4. On day when nuisance level barking is occurred, please note this next to the date.

### Example diary entries

Day & Date of barking	Time barking started	Time barking stopped	Type of barking	Reason for barking	Impact	Location where noise is heard from
Tues: 20/6/21	6.30am	6.41am	Whimpering	Nobody in street	Woke me up	Bedroom
Tues: 20/6/21	3.10pm	3.16pm	Intermittent	Postman	Unable to relax & watch TV	Lounge
Tues: 20/6/21	3.36pm	3.39pm	Intermittent	Workmen next door	Trying to entertain	Garden/rear yard
Tues: 20/6/21	4.02pm	4.12pm	Continuous loud bark	Cat on property	Unable to relax	Family room
Tues: 20/6/21	5.18pm	5.25pm	Intermittent howling	No one at property	Disrupted study	Study

This may seem excessive but remember the success of your case will rely on quality and completeness of your evidence. The more information we are able to provide to the dog owner, the more likely they are to be able to establish the causes of the barking and address this effectively.













