



Dear Sir/Madam,

### Nuisance Barking Dog Diary

Thank you for taking the time to provide us with more information regarding the nuisance barking occurring in your neighbourhood. Any information provided will help determine whether the barking meets the criteria of a nuisance under the *Companion Animals Act 1998* and whether further action is warranted.

Nuisance barking is defined as noise that is persistent or continues to such a degree or extent that it unreasonably interferes with the peace, comfort or convenience of any person in another premises.

#### What do we need you to do?

1. Complete the diary daily for a two-week period.
2. Complete the online form on Council's website

#### How to complete the diary:

- Begin a new entry for each barking incident, even if multiple incidents occur on the same day.
- Dogs typically do not bark continuously all day, so please be as specific as possible in your observations.
- If there is no barking on a particular day, please note this with a single entry for that date.

#### Each entry should include the following details: (*example entry attached*)

**Date:** The date of the incident.

**Start Time:** When the barking began.

**Finish Time:** When the barking ended.

**Number of Barks:** Tally the number of barks.

**Trigger:** What appeared to cause the barking? (e.g., owner leaving for work, someone walking past, mail delivery, other dogs barking, etc.)

**Weather:** Note any weather conditions that may have influenced the dog's behaviour (e.g., storms, wind, heat).

**Impact of Noise:** How did the barking affect you? (e.g., disturbed sleep, inability to concentrate, interrupted conversations, etc.)

**Other Information:** any other information relevant to that incident.

Once you have completed your diary you can upload to the online Council form.

If you require further information, please contact me on 13 22 63.

Yours sincerely,

#### Business Support Officer

(Environment & Regulatory Services)

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<i>E.g</i> 01/01/2025	9:21am	9:24am		Parcel delivered	Sunny	Woke up my child	No

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