



NUISANCE BARKING SURVEY

In order to assist you with your concerns regarding a nuisance barking dog, Council requires you to complete the Nuisance Barking Survey attached.

The sheets **must** be maintained for a period of **fourteen (14) days**.

Please forward these forms back to Council immediately on completion marked to the attention of the:

Animal Management Officer
Rangers and Parking Services
126 Church Street
PARRAMATTA NSW 2150

Or, by e-mail to council@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au

All information submitted to Council is confidential

On receiving the Nuisance Barking Survey, an Animal Management Officer will attend the dog owner's address and advise the owner that a formal complaint has been received by Council. Often, an owner is unaware of their dogs' nuisance behaviour while they are not home. A letter is also sent to the owner of the dog at this time confirming what the Officer has already advised in person.

The investigating officer will advise you when they have spoken to the dog owner, and will ask you to contact the Officer in 7-10 days in order to report on the level of barking from the time the dog owner has been notified of the complaint.

If, after 7-10 days, the nuisance barking is still a problem for you, the Officer will then monitor the barking during the times specified in the survey and may also interview the surrounding neighbours regarding the alleged nuisance.

The Officer will then decide if the dog in question causes a nuisance as per the Companion Animals Act 1998. This is based on the duration, time period and the number of recurrences of barking over given periods.

If the dog is declared to be a nuisance you will be sent a letter outlining the start and finish date of the Nuisance Order and your requirement to provide a statement to the investigating officer when a breach of the order occurs.

Please note that by providing a statement you may be required to attend court regarding the matter.

If the Officer does not feel the dog is a nuisance you will be sent a letter outlining your options to pursue the matter through the Local Courts by seeking independent legal advice or by seeking independent mediation with the dog owner.

Yours faithfully,

Animal Management Team



CITY OF PARRAMATTA

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SR NUMBER : _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT No: _____

ADDRESS WHERE DOG IS KEPT: _____

I believe the dogs to be _____

(Breed or Type)

I believe the reason that the dog/s is/are disturbed is due to _____

Should Council decide to issue the owner with an order, would you be prepared to provide Council with a statement, collect further evidence and testify in a court of law?

Yes / No _____

(Initial)

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