

## BARKING DOG ADVICE

Dear Neighbour

This is just a note to let you know out of a genuine concern for your pet's welfare, as you may not be aware, that your dog is barking frequently which is somewhat distressing.

I understand that dogs do need to bark and this is a natural part of their behaviour yet, as you may appreciate, barking can be distracting and unpleasant for people living nearby.

I thought a short note making you aware of the situation would be the best approach.

I sincerely hope this matter can be easily resolved, however if you need assistance, I understand the Council can provide free informal advice on dog behaviour - phone 8229 9999.

Thank you and kind regards

Your Neighbour

Dear Neighbour,

Address \_\_\_\_\_

You may not be aware but your dog is barking and is causing a nuisance to me and/or my family. We thought that we should advise you and allow you an opportunity to address the dog's barking without lodging a complaint with Council. Below is some details for when the dog is causing a nuisance

**The dog(s) bark persistently between:**

- Midnight – 7am       7am – Midday       Midday - 5pm  
 5pm – 8pm       8pm – Midnight

**The dogs(s) bark when:**

- You leave the property       When you are home  
 Other

**The dog(s) bark at:**

- People passing the property       Neighbours dogs/cats/children  
 Dogs passing the property       Postman  
 When I am in my yard       Nothing  
 Other

**When the dog(s) barks it usually:**

- Runs along the fence at the       Front       Back       Side  
 Jumps at the fence at the       Front       Back       Side  
 Sits or stands on the spot       Front       Back       Side  
 Other

I hope this information will help you monitor the dog(s) behaviour and help relieve the barking.