

City of College Station Animal Control Services
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Animal or Barking Dog Noise Complaint Log

On the first complaint, Animal Control Officers should be called to the location to investigate the problem and to start the necessary steps to file a Citizens Request for Prosecution. Animal Control Officers will then make contact with the owner of the animal, informing the owner of the reported complaint, the need to take actions to resolve the problem and what actions may take place if the noise complaint continues. A person wishing to file a complaint against the owner of an animal creating a disturbance by barking, howling or yelping can then start the process by completing the Noise Complaint Log.

A detailed, specific and accurately kept log means a better chance of success if the case should be challenged in court. After this log is completed and signed, it must be returned to the College Station Police Department along with the completed Citizens Request for Prosecution form. Within 10 days of the first call, if the dog is still barking, the complainant can complete another log, call back and file another complaint.

All complaint logs and reports are given to College Station Police Department for their review. If there are credible witnesses and sufficient evidence that would support a criminal prosecution the Police Department will recommend the case to the City Attorney's Office to accept charges against the animal owner.

All elements of the ordinance must be met before charges can be filed.

City of College Station Code of Ordinances Chapter 6 Animal Control

Section 6-8 Problem Animals.

It is unlawful to be an owner or manager of an animal which engages in behavior constituting problem animal behavior. Each of the following is a problem behavior of animals:

2) Excessive noise.

An animal which creates a disturbance by excessive barking, howling, crowing, screeching or other noise which would offend a person of ordinary sensibilities under the same or similar circumstances;

Complaint Log

Read all instructions before beginning this log. This log must be kept in the following manner:

- 1. Be specific. WRONG:** “Dog barked all day.”
RIGHT: “June 2, 2007 at 1 A.M., barked 15 minutes.”
- 2. Keep the log for 48 continuous hours.** It is not necessary to stay up all night to monitor noise; just note when noise disturbs you.
- 3.** Indicate each and every time the noise is a disturbance and for how long the dog makes noise. Make sure you verify that the dog in question is the dog making the noise.
- 4.** To increase the possibility of a resolution or potentially having charges being filed, solicit additional witnesses from neighbors or other residences and ask them to complete these forms to support the complaint. The more credible witnesses that can testify to the disturbance, the more a jury would believe it is a true disturbance and not a personal vendetta. Otherwise, it may become a situation where it is the dog owner’s word against your word.
- 5.** When the log is completed (after 48 hours) you must return it along with the Citizen’s Request to the College Station Police Department to review for a recommendation of prosecution.

A detailed, specific, and accurate log is absolutely necessary in order to resolve or prove a violation.

Dog Owner’s Name:_____

Dog Owner’s Address:_____

Dog Description:_____

Date	Time	Type of noise	Duration of noise	Date	Time	Type of noise	Duration of Noise

NOTICE

Read this before you sign: By signing this log, you are stating that at the time indicated on the log, the noise of this particular dog in question was loud and annoyed or disturbed **you personally**. If legal action is taken and a trial set at the City of College Station Municipal Court, you will be subpoenaed and required to testify based on your verification of the evidence contained in the log.

Complainant’s Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone:_____