

What to do if your dog's barking is a nuisance

If a neighbour contacts you about your dog's barking, you need to respond and take action to solve the problem.

To manage a barking problem, you will need to determine the cause of the barking.

Once you have identified the cause, you can try treating the problem through:

- increasing your dog's exercise
- ensuring your dog has access to adequate food, water and shelter
- providing toys to occupy your dog
- training
- confining your dog to an area with less exposure to traffic and people passing by
- installing fences that restrict your dog's vision
- seeking advice from your vet or an animal behaviourist.



Penalties

If you have been contacted by the Town's Ranger Services and your dog's nuisance barking continues, you may be issued with an infringement notice and a \$200 fine.

Repeat offenders

If you receive repeat infringement notices, the Town may decide to proceed to court action. A maximum penalty for this offence is \$10,000 for a dangerous dog and \$5,000 for all other dogs.

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Dogs bark as a way to communicate, however constant barking is a nuisance and can impact the wellbeing of our community.

Dogs may bark more than usual due to:

- hearing another dog bark
- the presence of a cat, bird or other animal
- people approaching or passing by
- fear
- hunger or thirst
- separation anxiety or seeking attention
- insufficient exercise or boredom
- lack of training
- discomfort or ill health
- deliberate or unintentional provocation by people or other dogs.

Dealing with nuisance barking

If you have a problem with a dog barking in your neighbourhood, first try to discuss it with the owner.

You could do this in person, or by using our Bark card (available to download on our website.)

Often the owner is not aware their dog is barking so much.

If the problem continues, you can contact the Town's Rangers for advice.

Our Rangers will provide you with a barking dog complaint pack that includes a statutory complaint form and a seven-day dog barking diary for you to complete.

Once you have completed and submitted the complaint form and barking diary, our Rangers will review the information and begin investigations to address the problem.

