

# Barking Dog Diary (Statutory Declaration) Barking Dog Letter

## Barking Dogs

For Balonne Shire Council to proceed with an investigation into a barking dog, information is required. Please find within this document: Council's barking dog diary and a letter that you can provide to the owner/s of the barking dog/s as the first step in solving the issue. The barking dog diary is Council's way of collecting proof that a dog is indeed barking. The diary must be completed over a period of seven days, signed and witnessed by a Justice of the Peace/Commissioner of Declarations, and then forwarded back to Council within seven days of completion.

Please note, you may be required to appear before the Magistrates Court to present this diary as evidence if Council is to take enforcement against the dog's owner. If you are not willing to appear in the Magistrates Court to present this evidence, Council is unable to take this investigation further.

The information you provide will then be used by Council officers to determine the extent of the nuisance caused by the dog/s.

The completion of these records is an important part of Council's investigations and will ensure the matter is resolved expediently. Should the information you provide be incomplete or should you fail to return the information within the required timeframe, no further action will be taken in relation to the complaint.

If Council is unable to substantiate a valid nuisance, no further action will be taken in relation to the complaint.

Council thanks you for your co-operation in this matter. Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Council on 4620 8888, Monday to Friday between 8.45am and 5pm.

*Please note that all parts of the Barking Dog Diary must be completed to lodge a valid investigation.*

Noise Level Categories	
Noise Level 1	Yapping
Noise Level 2	Whining
Noise Level 3	Howling
Noise Level 4	Intermittent Barking
Noise Level 5	Constant Barking

## Example:

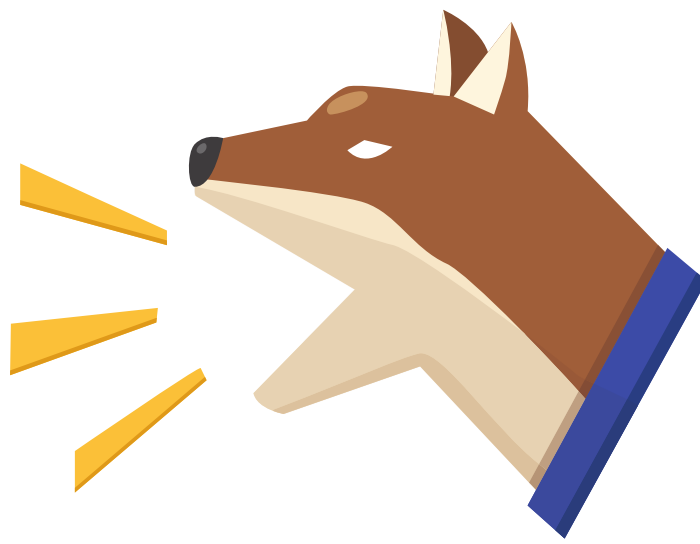
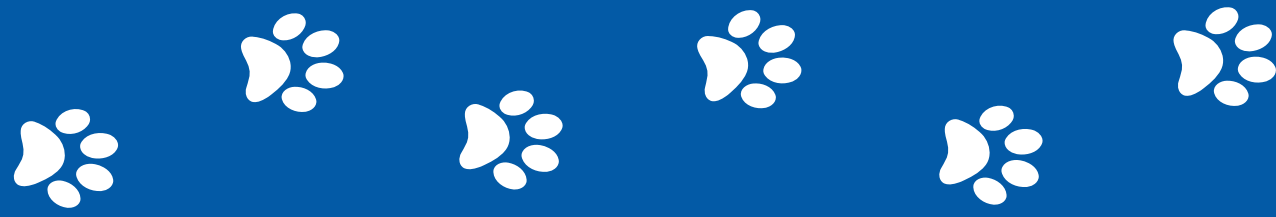
Date	Nuisance Times		Noise Level	Cause	Action by Owner
	Start Time	Finish Time			
23-05-2021	06:00hrs	06:03hrs	3	Boredom	Nothing

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Dear Neighbour,

You may not be aware, but your dog/s is/are currently causing a noise nuisance in the neighbourhood by barking excessively.

Balonne Shire Council suggest that I contact you first, to express my concern and allow you the opportunity to resolve this situation without Council intervening.

All that is needed at this stage is your co-operation to stop the excessive barking and hopefully avoid this matter progressing any further.

Kind regards,  
Your Neighbour

