



City of Montague Animal Control

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NOISE COMPLAINT FORM

A person wishing to file a complaint against the owner of a dog or animal creating a disturbance by barking, howling, yelping or creating a noise in such a manner which unreasonably disturbs the peace must first maintain a dog **Noise Complaint Log**. A detailed and 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, please return to Animal Control.**

The owner will be contacted and notified of the complaints received. A case will be assigned to the complaint. The case will be investigated and if there is sufficient evidence that exists for a complaint, the Animal Control Officer will file charges against the animal owner.

To increase the possibility of legal action and charges being filed, have additional witnesses from neighbors or other residences complete these forms also. Otherwise, it may become a situation whereby it's the dog owner's word against yours.

All conditions must be met before charges can be filed.

6.04.230 Prohibition of habitual animal noise which unreasonably disturbs the peace.

A. It is unlawful for any person to suffer or permit any dog, cat, fowl or other animal to bark, yelp, howl or create noise in such a manner which unreasonably disturbs the peace of any person(s).

Remember Detail, Accuracy and Be Specific

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Read all instructions carefully before beginning this log.

This log must be kept in the following manner:

1. **Be specific.** (Example: “Dog barked all day.” **WRONG!!**
“7/1/10, 4a.m., barked 20 min.” **RIGHT!!**)
2. Keep the log for **7 days**. No longer, no less. It is not necessary to stay up all night to monitor noise; just note when noise annoys you.
3. Indicate each and every time the noise is annoying you and for how long the animal makes noise. Make sure you verify the dog complained about is the dog making the noise.
4. To increase the possibility of legal action and charges being filed, have additional witnesses from neighbors or other residences complete these forms also. Otherwise, it may become a situation whereby it is the dog owner’s word against yours.
5. When the log is completed (after 7 days), return it to Animal Control.

A detailed, specific and accurate log is absolutely necessary in order to resolve noisy animal problems.