



BOROUGH OF NAUGATUCK  
NAUGATUCK POLICE DEPARTMENT  
**ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION**  
211 SPRING ST.  
NAUGATUCK, CT 06770  
PHONE: 203-729-4324 FAX: 203-729-0569



**TO MAKE A COMPLAINT about the nuisance created by the barking/howling of a dog(s) in your neighborhood. Once submitted to Naugatuck Animal Control - the owner of the dog(s) will be notified about the complaint.**

**PLEASE EMAIL:**

**[NaugatuckAnimalControl@Gmail.com](mailto:NaugatuckAnimalControl@Gmail.com) to initiate this barking complaint.**

Should our correspondence to the animal owner and your communication with him/her fail to bring about the desired results relative to the behavior of their dog(s), we are prepared to prosecute the owner in the Superior Court on your behalf.

**Sec. 22-363:** Nuisance. No person shall own or harbor a dog or dogs which is or are a nuisance by reason of **vicious disposition** or **excessive barking** or **other disturbance**, or, *by such barking or other disturbance, is or are a source of annoyance to any sick person residing in the immediate vicinity*. Violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction for the first offense and a class D misdemeanor for each subsequent offense and the court or judge may make such order concerning the restraint or disposal of such dog or dogs as may be deemed necessary.

**Should you decide to pursue this course of action, a prosecution in Superior Court requires that you be very specific in the gathering of information about all details of your complaint.** To ensure a successful prosecution, the following points must be made:

- All incidents of nuisance barking by offending dog must be documented. Include dates, times it started and ended, and a brief description of the type of disturbance
- The documentation completed by yourself must be from personal observation of the offending dog
- **Documentation should be a continuous period of at least (14) days.**
- If we prosecute the owner of the offending dog on your behalf and a plea of "Not Guilty" is entered, **it will be necessary for you and other witnesses to testify "under oath"**. You must be able to state that you personally observed the dog barking and be prepared to describe the dog and a brief description of what took place. **IT IS NOT SUFFICIENT FOR A WITNESS TO SAY THEY ONLY HEARD A DOG BARK.**

**The form BELOW must be completed and returned to Naugatuck Animal Control within 30 days of date received.** Should you require further explanation regarding this correspondence or your complaint, please contact our office.



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- 1) Type of residence: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) How many dogs are being complained about: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) What breed / color are the dog(s)?
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) When does the barking specifically occur?  
**(Be Specific-** Dogs DO NOT bark all day and all night)  
 Weekends: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Weekdays: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Where on the offending dog(s) property are the dog(s) located?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) Can you see the dog(s) when they are barking?
- 7) Can you identify the offending dog(s)?
- 8) Can you identify the owner of the offending dog(s)?
- 9) Does the dog(s) bark when the owner is home?
- 10) Does the dog(s) bark when the owner is away?
- 11) Is the dog(s) outside when the owner is not home?
- 12) When is the owner usually not home?
- 13) Have you discussed this problem with the dog(s) owner?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- If not, why? \_\_\_\_\_
- 14) Are you prepared to testify in court for this complaint?
- 15) How long has the dog(s) lived at the residence? \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE USE ONLY**

Letter sent to DOG OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_, 2021





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# BARKING DOG LOG

DATE	FROM / TO TIME	POSSIBLE REASON FOR BARKING	COMMENTS

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**Or MAIL to:** Naugatuck Police Department – ATTN ANIMAL CONTROL  
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