

Dear Neighbour,

I am writing to bring to your attention a matter regarding your Dog, which has been barking excessively causing a nuisance. While I understand that you may not have been aware of this situation occurring in the neighborhood, I feel it is important to address it promptly.

According to the **Dog Act 1976**

**38. Nuisance dogs**

- (1) For the purposes of this section, a dog is a nuisance if the dog –
  - (a) makes a noise, by barking or otherwise, that persistently occurs or continues to such a degree or extent that it unreasonably interferes with the peace, comfort or convenience of any person in any place; or
  - (b) is shown to be allowed to behave consistently in a manner contrary to the general interest of the community; or
  - (c) makes a noise, by barking or otherwise, that exceeds –
    - (i) a prescribed noise level measured by a prescribed method over a prescribed period of time; or
    - (ii) a prescribed number of times of occurrence during or over a prescribed period of time.

To avoid any further action required by the Shire Rangers which may result in a fine or penalty, I kindly request that you take the necessary steps to minimize the nuisance being created. I bring this matter to your attention to allow you the opportunity to rectify the situation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Resident.

