

Neighbour Notification Form

To _____

Street Address _____

Dear Neighbour,

I am writing to let you know that your dog has been barking at nuisance levels which has created issues and is affecting my home life. It would be appreciated if you could address the issue and put measures in place to reduce the barking. The information presented below may assist.

If you would like to discuss this matter, please contact me via

(Neighbour to leave blank if wishing to remain anonymous)

Nuisance issues are being caused by excessive:

Barking

Howling

Crying

Fence hitting

Morning

Afternoon

Evening

Over night
10pm–6am

Predominant
Times

Cause if Known

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

The dog predominantly barking is *(describe dog)*

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Best regards,

Your neighbour.

City of Cockburn Ranger Message

It is the dog owner's legal responsibility to control excessive/ nuisance barking. Our rangers encourage respectful communication between neighbours as this can potentially avoid a formal complaint and/or enforcement action against the dog owner.

For further information please visit cockburn.wa.gov.au/Dogs

Excessive barking

Dogs bark for many reasons including inappropriate confinement, passing distractions, isolation, guarding, anxiety, discomfort, breeding and seeking attention to name a few. Dogs often bark excessively when their owners are not at home.

Causes and possible solutions

Owners are responsible for any disturbances caused by their dog's excessive barking. It is important to work out why your dog is barking so the issue can be resolved in a civil and timely nature.

Issue	Possible Solutions
Behaviour Psychological issues Separation anxiety	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professional dog training• Vet assessment• Play soft background music• Never reward your dog for excessive barking• Don't let your dog inside or give it attention when it barks• Teach your dog to stop barking on command• Use anti-bark devices for a short term remedy or behaviour modification
Boredom Excessive energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daily walks• Toys
Reactive to animals and passers-by	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restrict the dogs vision through gates and fencing• Confine the dog to an area away from people or vehicles
Physical discomfort	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adequate shelter• Food and water
Distractions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A soft playing radio may block out external noises• If your dog barks at regular disturbances keep it inside or enclosed during these times• If your dog is barking at distractions over the fence, move the dog or put up a barrier to keep it away from that area• If your dog barks at gaps in the fence, fill in the gaps• If your dog barks at passers-by, block its view.

For more information on how to stop your dog's excessive barking, contact your local vet or animal behaviourist.