



Animal Control and Community Resources

Barking Dogs



City Ordinance Section 14-2-14

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, or have in his possession or harbor any dog which, without provocation, by frequent or habitual howling, barking, or otherwise, shall cause annoyance or disturbance to any person. This section shall not apply to an animal control officer in the performance of his/her duties nor to hospitals conducted for treatment of dogs and small animals.

How to report a barking dog

- Animal Control recommends talking with the dog's owner as a first step. The dog owner may be unaware of their dogs barking when they are not home. Give them a chance to correct the problem.
- If this is unsuccessful, you may call and file a formal complaint.
- We can mail a notice, post a warning or have you sign a complaint so that we can issue a summons to court.

For us to issue a summons, you must sign a formal complaint and be willing to testify against the dog owner in court.

To file a complaint we need your information and the address of the barking dog. We need a description of the dog(s) and the most recent date and time of the disturbance.

If you need assistance please call Northglenn Animal Control at 303-450-8886 from 7:00am to 4:30pm 7 days a week



For assistance after-hours please contact the non-emergency line at 303-288-1535

If you are the barking dog owner

- If you have received a complaint about your dog barking, it is important to correct the problem so that your neighbors do not take legal action, and to maintain a respectable relationship with them. Failure to do so may result in a summons to court and a fine may be assessed.
- It is important to investigate the reason for your dogs barking. Dogs may bark out of loneliness, separation anxiety, boredom, protecting their territory, and lack of proper exercise or care.
- The best thing you can do to correct this problem is to be sure you are spending adequate time with your dog, including him/her in your daily activities. Animals need consistent, continued training for their entire life. For specific directions contact a qualified obedience instructor.
- If unnecessary, unprovoked barking occurs when you are home, be respectful, stop the barking immediately and redirect the dogs attention elsewhere.
- Alternative suggestions may include, anti-barking collars either electronic or citronella and/or anti-barking devices placed around the area where the animal is kept. These products can be found either online or at your local pet stores.
- You can also get help and suggestions from your vet to decide which solution is best suited for your type of dog.

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