



Town of Columbus  
Police Department  
Animal Control Division



Public Nuisance  
Affidavit of Noise Complaint

**6.08.060 – Public Nuisance.**

- 5. Makes disturbing noises, including, but not limited to, persistent, continuous, and habitual howling, barking, whining, or other utterances causing unreasonable annoyance, disturbance, or discomfort to neighbors or others in close proximity to the premises where the animal is kept or harbored.

The complainant must identify himself or herself by name, address, and telephone number. To constitute a violation for prosecution under this section, a written complaint must be received by the animal control officer which shall include but limited to a summary of the nature and duration of the animal noise and any other information or witnesses that may be required by the animal control officer to establish a violation of this section.

**Tell us about you:**

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ First name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Driver's License #: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Tell us about the animal owner:**

We need you to record as much information about the animal owner as you know. Do not guess, be certain. If there is some information that you do not know, simply write "unknown". The information most needed is the animal owner's address. If you are uncertain about the owner's information, or if the animal even has an owner, speak with your neighbors to be sure.

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_ First name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

When is the owner normally home? \_\_\_\_\_

**What does the animal(s) look like?**

To take action, Animal Control needs to be certain that we are dealing with the correct animal(s). Please record a thorough and accurate description of each animal involved. *Only* list the animals that were involved in the specific incident. Here are some basic rules:

- Breed is for species as well as the animal's specific breed (e.g. "English setter dog")
- Color: indicate the dominant color first, then all the other colors. (e.g. "white with black ears and black and tan markings")
- Name: fill this in if you know the name the dog answers to
- Other Info: additional information that will help identify the animal

Breed	Color	Male or female	Name	Other info

If you are uncertain about the animal or its description, be sure that you talk to your neighbors. Incorrect information damages everyone's credibility if the complaint results in a contested case in court.

**When and where did it all happen?**

Please fill in with EXACT times, dates, and location, based on what you observed. Without this information, Animal Control cannot pursue further action.

**Location of Incident:**

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Exact Date of Noise	Exact Time Noise Began	Exact Time Noise Stopped	Other Information
12/02/2011	7:00 am	7:03 am	Boxer & small white dog
12/02/2011	7:21 am	7:33 am	White dog only
12/02/2011	7:45 am	7:56 am	Boxer only barked at cat
12/02/2011	10:05 am	10:22 am	boxer
12/02/2011	10:45 am	10:59 am	White dog
12/03/2011	6:55 am	7:12 am	Both dogs
12/03/2011	7:20 am	7:31 am	Both barking at mail man
12/04/2011	11:02 am	11:16 am	Both
12/04/2011	10:00 pm	10:22 pm	Both
12/04/2011	10:30 pm	10:55pm	Both
12/05/2011	6:00 am	6:35 am	Boxer only
12/06/2011	8:43 am	9:05 am	White dog only
12/06/2011	9:48 am	10:12 am	Both
12/07/2011	4:30 pm	4:59 pm	Both
12/07/2011	7:00 pm	7:13 pm	Boxer only
12/08/2011	5:22 am	5:27 am	White dog
12/09/2011	4:17 am	4:25 am	both

In the section that says: “**Tell us what is happening**”, please be detailed as to why and how the noise is disturbing you. Explain how you feel this is continual and habitual. See the examples below.

**Example A:**

I have listened to these dogs for months. I have tried to be patient with the owners so they would train the dogs not to bark, but they do not seem to stop the dogs even when they are home. The dogs are continually waking me up early in the morning and bark late at night. I can even hear the dogs over my TV, so I have to turn the television up to hear it.

**Example B:**

My baby is constantly waking up because of the dogs barking early morning and late evenings. I have asked the owners to do something about it, but they let the dogs out and do not correct them when they bark. The dogs do not seem to bark at anything in particular, except occasionally as the mail carrier or a cat running around. The remaining times, I do not see anything that the dogs could be barking at.