



BARKING DOG COMPLAINT FORM

This document, barking dog diary and acknowledgment / declaration form must be completed in full, signed and returned to the Shire of Gingin within seven (7) days of completion.
(please print all details)

Complainant's Name: _____
(Your name)

Address: _____

(Your address)

Contact
Mobile: _____ **Home Phone:** _____

Address of offending dog/s: _____

Description of dog/s: _____

(Colour and breed of dog/s)

Are you prepared to attend Court as a Victim/Witness and give evidence? YES/NO

Have you verified where the barking is coming from? YES/NO

Have you seen the dog/s barking? YES/NO

Have you spoken to the neighbours about this problem? YES/NO

Have any of your neighbours mentioned this problem to you? YES/NO

If YES, are they prepared to support your claim? YES/NO

If YES please supply their name, address and contact details below:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

How to complete a Barking Dog Diary

Your accuracy in recording the nuisance barking is of extreme importance as it may be presented as evidence in court. Please create a detailed diary over a two-week period as per the example indicated below and attach the diary with the complaint form.

Example diary entries

Date	Time		Intensity			Duration	The room noise is heard from	Affect on myself & others (if applicable)
	Start	Finish	Loud	Medium	Soft			
01/02/2015	5:00am	9:00am	X			4 hrs	Main Bedroom	Woke me, couldn't get back to sleep
01/02/2015	9:30am	1:30pm		X		4 hrs	Second Bedroom / Study	Could not study even with window closed
01/02/2015	2:00pm	6:00pm		X		4 hrs		
01/02/2015	11:00pm	3:00am	X			4 hrs	Main Bedroom	Could not sleep
02/02/2015	3:30am	7:30am	X			4 hrs	Main Bedroom	Woke me up
02/02/2015								Not home
03/02/2015	5:00am	9:00am	X			4 hrs	Main Bedroom	Could not sleep

This may seem excessive, but remember, you may be required to present this diary before a Magistrates Court as accurate and concise evidence.

Forward your completed form and diary to:

**Coordinator Ranger Services
7 Brockman Street (PO Box 510)
GINGIN WA 6503**



**COMPLAINT AS TO A NUISANCE CREATED BY A DOG
DOG ACT 1976 (S.38) – RECORD OF DOG BARKING**

Barking Dog Diary

DATE	TIME		INTENSITY			Duration	The room/area noise is heard from	Affect on myself & others (if applicable)
	Start	Finish	Loud	Medium	Soft			

Please Note:

1. Shire of Gingin is subject to the *Freedom of Information Act, 1992*.
2. Should legal action be necessary, you may be required to give evidence in Court.
3. Should you require further information please contact the Investigating Officer.
4. Should this form not be returned after completion it will be assumed that you do not wish to pursue this matter further.



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Acknowledgement / Declaration Form

I, the undersigned, wish to lodge a formal complaint with the Shire of Gingin in relation to the dog/s described above which bark persistently to such a degree that it unreasonably interferes with my (peace), (comfort) or (convenience) in my premises. (Please strike out items not applicable in brackets)

I solemnly and sincerely declare that all information contained within the complaint form and barking dog diary are true and correct. I make it in the belief that a person making a false declaration in the circumstances is liable to the penalties of perjury.

Note: The below is to be signed before an Authorised Witness*

Declared at: _____ **on this** _____ **day of** _____ **20** _____

Signature of person making this declaration
[To be signed in front of an Authorised Witness]

Before me;

Signature of Authorised Witness

* The Authorised Witness must print or stamp his or her name, address and title under Section 107A of the Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1958 (as of 1 January 2010), (previously Evidence Act 1958), (eg. Justice of the Peace, Pharmacist, Police Officer, Court Registrar, Bank Manager, Medical Practitioner, Dentist). For a full list of approved Authorised Witness', refer to Section 107A of the Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1958 (as of 1 January 2010), (previously Evidence Act 1958).

Privacy Statement:

The Shire is collecting the personal information on this form for the purpose of gathering information applicable to this complaint. The information will be used for investigating the complaint and will not be disclosed to any other party except as required by law. If you fail to provide the information, no action can be taken in regards to this complaint.

