

Merced Police Department
Animal Control Division
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| ANIMAL NUISANCE COMPLAINT INFORMATION |
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Complaints of animal nuisance require special handling by Animal Control. In order to properly investigate complaints of barking dogs, aggressive behavior or property damage, **it is necessary to have the complaining party be a witness**. In the case of barking dogs, record keeping of time and duration of the nuisance are required. If the complaining party does not want to be identified and is unwilling to be a witness, **the only action Animal Control can take is an animal welfare check and a license check**.

To make an official complaint, submit the following and an investigation will be made. Once the investigation is completed, paperwork will be filed and a hearing will be scheduled. You will be notified of a hearing date and time in which all parties will appear.

For barking dogs, submit a complaint in writing containing the following:

1. Description of the offending animal (breed, color, sex, size, name).
2. Name and address of the animal owner.
3. Name, address, phone number of all aggrieved persons (at least 5 adults living in the immediate area)
4. Submit the attached event document completed, signed, and dated. Diary dates and times must be within a 30-day span.

ANIMAL NOISE EVENT DOCUMENTATION

| Date | Start Time | End Time | Disturbance |
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I hereby certify under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information contained within this document is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Complaining Party

Date