

INFORMATION REGARDING BARKING DOGS AND NOISY ANIMAL COMPLAINTS

Noisy animals are a violation of local law.

The following information is provided in order to assist you in curbing excessive barking:

1. Dogs often bark when their owners are away, so, you may be unaware of the problem.
2. It might be helpful to leave a radio on for company.
3. Collars that may deter barking are available at many pet stores.
4. Relocating your dog away from neighbors, to another area may eliminate barking.
5. A companion animal may aid in decreasing excessive barking.
6. Food and water should be available along with toys or chewing items for entertainment.
7. Praise your dog when it is quiet and verbally scold in a stern voice when they are not.
8. Spend time with your dog to alleviate feelings of abandonment when you leave.

The Riverside shelter location offers Dog Problem Solving Classes. Call for days and times at (951) 358-7387 or check the website, www.rcdas.org under Events.

The Riverside County Department of Animal Services accepts a Petition for Noisy Animals from residents when a problem exists in their neighborhood and a solution cannot be reached by the involved parties.

Following is the procedure for unincorporated county areas. Procedures vary by city.

Barking Dog Investigation Procedure:

1) First Complaint results in petition to complainant, 2) Receipt of signed petition results in this letter to dog owner, 3) Second complaint results a second notice to dog owner, 4) Third complaint results in an investigation by an Animal Control Officer, 4) A court date may be scheduled, 5) The dog owner must be present at court. Failure to appear will result in a bench warrant for the dog owner's arrest. If you have questions, please call the Noisy Animal Clerk at (760) 343-3644, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.