



Sioux Falls Police Animal Control Division

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Animal Disturbing the Peace Log

A person wishing to have a warrant issued against the owner of an animal creating a disturbance by making loud noises must first maintain an Animal Disturbing the Peace Log. A detailed, specific, and accurately kept log means a better chance of success if the case should be challenged in court. Successful prosecution of the animal owner is the most effective manner to resolve the disturbance problem.

After this log is completed and signed, contact Animal Control and advise us that this log is ready to be picked up. We will send an Animal Control Officer out to pick up this log. If sufficient evidence exists for a complaint, a warrant will be served on the animal owner.

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**All conditions must be met before a warrant
will be issued for disturbing the peace.**

Sec. 7-4(a) Disturbing the Peace

The owner or custodian of an animal shall not allow the animal to create a disturbance by making loud noises any time of the night or day.

*** Sample Log ***

Date	Time	Type of Noise	Duration of Noise
5-2	6 a.m.	Yelp	22 min.
5-2	4 p.m.	Bark	5 min.
5-2	4:30 p.m.	Howl	7 min.
5-2	11:20 p.m.	Whine	4 min.

***Please
Print
Clearly***

Read all instructions before beginning this log

This log must be kept in the following manner:

1. **Be specific.** Example: "Dog barked all day." **Wrong!!**
"April 2, 4 a.m., barked 10 min." **Right!!**
2. Keep the log for **48 continuous hours. No longer, no less.** It is not necessary to stay up all night to monitor noise; just note when noise annoys you.
3. Indicate each and every time the noise is annoying and for how long the animal makes noise. Make sure you verify that the animal complained of is the animal making the noise.
4. The log should be signed by at least one additional witness at a different residence in addition to the person keeping the log.
5. When the log is completed (after 48 hours), call Animal Control at 367-8764 and an Animal Control Officer will stop by and pick it up. A warrant will be issued to the animal owner if sufficient evidence exists.

**A detailed, specific, and accurate
disturbing the peace log
is absolutely necessary in order to resolve
noisy animal problems**

Date	Time	Type of Noise	Duration of Noise	Date	Time	Type of Noise	Duration of Noise

***** Notice *****

Read this before you sign: By signing this log, you are stating that at the times indicated on the log, the noise of the particular dog complained of was loud and annoyed or disturbed **you personally**. If a warrant is issued and a trial set, you will be required to testify based on your verification of the evidence contained in this log.

Complainant's Name (Please Print or Type): _____

Complainant's Signature: _____

Address: _____ Phone # _____

#1 Witness Signature: _____

Address: _____ Phone # _____

#2 Witness Signature: _____

Address: _____ Phone # _____

Other _____

