

Prospect Police Department
Prospect Animal Control
8 Center Street
Prospect, Ct 06712
Phone: 203-509-5237

TO MAKE A COMPLAINT about nuisance created by the barking/howling of a dog(s) in your neighborhood. Once submitted to Prospect Animal Control - the owner of the dog will be notified about the complaint.

Please email Prospect Animal Control at Prospectaco@Prospectpolice.org

Should our correspondence to the animal's owner and your communication with him/her fail to bring about the desired results relative to the behavior of their dog(s), we are prepared to prosecute the owner in the Superior Court on your behalf.

CGS 22-363 states that "no person shall own or harbor a dog or dogs which is or are a nuisance by reason of vicious disposition or excessive barking or other disturbance or, by such barking or other disturbance, is or are a source of annoyance to any sick person residing in the immediate vicinity." Violation of any provision of this section shall be an infraction for the first offense and a class D misdemeanor for each subsequent offense and the court or judge may make such order concerning the restraint or disposal of such dog or dogs as may be deemed necessary.

Should you decide to pursue this course of action, a prosecution in Superior Court requires that you be very specific in the gathering of information about all details of your complaint. To ensure a successful prosecution, the following points must be made:

- All incidents of nuisance barking by offending dog **must be documented**. Include **dates, times** it started and ended, and a **brief description** of the type of disturbance.
- The documentation completed by yourself **must be from personal observations** of the offending dog.
- Documentation should be a continuous **period of (14) days**.
- If we prosecute the owner of the offending dog on your behalf and a plea of "Not Guilty" is entered, it will be necessary for you and other witnesses to testify "**under oath**".

You must be able to state that you personally observed the dog barking and be prepared to describe the dog and give a brief description of what took place. **IT IS NOT SUFFICIENT FOR WITNESS TO SAY THEY ONLY HEAR A DOG BARKING.**

This form must be completed and returned to **Prospect Animal Control** within 30 days of the date received. Should you require further explanation regarding this correspondence or your complaint, please contact our office at 203-509-5237.

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- 1) Type of residence: _____
- 2) How many dogs are being complained about: _____
- 3) What breed/color are the dog(s)?
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - c. _____
- 4) When does the barking specifically occur? _____
(Be Specific- Dogs DO NOT BARK all day and all night)
Weekends: _____
Weekdays: _____
- 5) Where on the offending dog(s) property are the dog(s) located?

Can you see the dog(s) barking?

Can you identify the offending dog(s)?

Can you identify the owner of the offending dog(s)?

Does the dog(s) bark when the owner is home?

Does the dog(s) bark when the owner is away?

Is the dog(s) outside when the owner is not home?

When is the owner usually not home?

Have you discussed this problem with the dog(s) owner? If not, why?

Are you prepared to testify in court for this complaint?

OFFICE USE ONLY

Letter Sent to DOG OWNER: _____, 2024

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BARKING DOG LOG

DATE	FROM/TO TIME	POSSIBLE REASON FOR BARKING	COMMENTS
1)	_____	_____	_____
2)	_____	_____	_____
3)	_____	_____	_____
4)	_____	_____	_____
5)	_____	_____	_____
6)	_____	_____	_____
7)	_____	_____	_____
8)	_____	_____	_____
9)	_____	_____	_____
10)	_____	_____	_____
11)	_____	_____	_____
12)	_____	_____	_____
13)	_____	_____	_____
14)	_____	_____	_____

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Or MAIL to: Prospect Police Department: ATTN: Animal Control
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