

Dear Resident,

You may not be aware, but your dog/s is/are barking to a level that is causing a noise nuisance in the neighbourhood.

It is happening (include details of when and why):

Burdekin Shire Council suggests that I contact you as a first step, to express my concern to you, and allow you the opportunity to rectify the situation without involving Council in the matter.

Burdekin Shire Council provided the tips below and for more information on how to stop your dog barking, call 4783 9800 for advice.

I am hoping that you will take immediate measures to stop the dog from barking and avoid this matter going any further.

Regards,

Resident of the area

Tips to reduce barking

Barking can be controlled through several small behavioural changes. Some behavioural changes could be as small as walking your dog twice a day to relieve boredom.

Dogs are social animals and require a certain amount of interaction on a daily basis. If your dog barks when you are away from the premises it is probably due to loneliness.

An easy way of combating this is to provide your pet with stimulants such as balls and chew toys to keep them occupied while you are away. It can also be handy to leave something that belongs to you such as an old shoe.

Give the dog a bone when you leave the house. This will teach your dog that when you leave there is a positive reaction.

A fence that is correctly designed to restrict your dog's vision will help reduce barking. This may include placing shade-cloth along the fence.

Obedience training and discipline are also very important when trying to stop a barking problem.