



## **Sioux Falls Animal Control Disturbing the Peace Log**

### **Sec. 90.004(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.

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.

Instructions and sample log can be found on page 2. The actual log is on pages 3 and 4.

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

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR KEEPING LOG**

1. **Be specific.** Example: "Dog barked all day." **Wrong!!**  
"May 2, 6 a.m., yelped, 22 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 367-7000 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**

\* \* \* \* Sample Log \* \* \* \*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Type of Noise</b>	<b>Duration of Noise</b>
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.



