



## Barking Dogs

### HELPFUL INFORMATION AND TIPS FOR THE COMMUNITY

#### IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Barking Dogs  
MCACC  
602-506-7387

Noise Complaints  
MCSO  
602-876-1000

Injured/Sick Animals  
AZ Humane Society  
602-997-7585

**Note:** Barking dog issues are handled independently by each city or town based on their local laws so you may notice varying enforcement procedures between cities and the county.

If you have a barking dog issue in an unincorporated area, you may call Maricopa County Animal Care and Control (MCACC) and include the address of the dog(s), your full name, address and telephone number to file a complaint. Please note that anonymous calls are not accepted.

Excessive barking may be a violation of the County Noise Ordinance if the noise disturbance is heard from within the closed confines of your house. The Regulation of Barking Dogs Ordinance instructs MCACC to recommend a mediator, the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office (MCSO), to resolve these disputes. A Noise Violation report should also be submitted to MCSO by the complainant.

#### What You Can Do as the Complainant

- Be sure the dog barking can be heard from inside your home
- Call MCACC to report a barking dog complaint and MCSO to report a noise violation complaint; be specific (when, how often, etc.)
- Obtain audio and/or video recordings of the dog barking noise violations (from inside your home) to provide to the MCSO Deputy
- Speak to your neighbor – they might not be aware of the extent of their dog(s) barking and how it affects others

#### What You Can Do as the Dog Owner

- Try to determine when and why your dog(s) barks excessively
- Provide distractions for your dog: toys, sound from the radio/tv, etc.
- Bring your dog(s) inside when you are not at home
- Be responsive to quickly address the barking when you are home
- Provide daily exercise – a tired dog is a quiet dog
- Train your dog, either on your own or with the help of a professional
- Speak to your neighbor(s) – they may be able to help you identify when and why your dog is barking so that you can more quickly address the issue

#### BARKING DOG COMPLAINT PROCESS

