



Commonwealth of Massachusetts Dog Complaint G.L. c. 140, §157

DEFINITIONS (G.L. c. 140, §136A)

Dangerous Dog:

A dog that either:

- (i) without justification, attacks a person or domestic animal causing physical injury or death; or
- (ii) behaves in a manner that a reasonable person would believe poses an unjustified imminent threat of physical injury or death to a person or to a domestic or owned animal.

Nuisance Dog:

A dog that:

- (i) by excessive barking or other disturbance, is a source of annoyance to a sick person residing in the vicinity; or
- (ii) by excessive barking, causing damage or other interference, a reasonable person would find such behavior disruptive to one's quiet and peaceful enjoyment; or
- (iii) has threatened or attacked livestock, a domestic animal or a person, but such threat or attack was not a grossly disproportionate reaction under all the circumstances.

COMPLAINANT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Telephone #: _____

Address: _____

Date and Time of Incident(s): _____

Location of Incident(s):

Description of Incident(s):

DOG INFORMATION

Dog's Name (if known): _____

Description (breed, color, distinctive markings, etc.): _____

OWNER INFORMATION (If Known)

Name: _____ Telephone #: _____

Address: _____

COMPLAINT

I, the complainant named above, state the dog described in this complaint:

- Is a "Dangerous Dog"
- Is a "Nuisance Dog" because it (you must select at least one of the following):
 - Barks Excessively
 - Causes Damage
 - Has threatened or attacked livestock, a domestic animal, or a person
 - Other Interference: _____
- By excessive barking or other disturbance, is a source of annoyance to a sick person residing in the vicinity

STATEMENT

This complaint is made under the pains and penalties of perjury.

Signature of Complainant

Date of Complaint

Return signed complaint to:

Oxford Board of Selectmen
325 Main Street
Oxford, MA 01540
bos@oxfordma.us