

Weymouth Police Department, Animal Control Division, Unit 880
140 Winter Street
Weymouth, Ma. 02188 335-1212 X307

Sworn Complaint Form (animal)

"PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION"

OFFICE USE ONLY!

Date ____/____/____

Time ____:____ (24 hour)

Complainant:			Defendant: Owner/Keeper		
Name: LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE	Name: LAST	FIRST	MIDDLE
Street:			Street		
City/town			City/town		
State:	Zip	Home phone #	State:	Zip	Home phone #
Date of Birth	Cell phone #		Date of Birth	Cell phone #	

This complaint IS NOT valid unless sworn to before a notary public. Your oath may be taken before the Town Clerk without charge during normal business hours at Town Hall, 75 Middle Street, East Weymouth. 781-335-2000.

Date of violation: ____/____/____ Time: ____:____ A.M. or P.M. Street location: _____

No action can be taken without a date and approximate time above!

Explain your complaint:

NOTE: on the first sworn complaint a warning only is issued, unless there has been personal injury. Only one complaint can be acted on at a time, and complaints more than 30 days old ARE NOT responded to! You agree to appear at ALL court and/or Police Department hearings regarding this complaint. Failure to appear at said hearings WILL result in dismissal of this complaint. You MUST give a specific date, time and location of the offence. You may list other dates, but only one date will be acted on. **WARNING: If you are a keeper of an unvaccinated (rabies) cat, or unvaccinated unlicensed dog YOU WILL ALSO BE FINED!**

Stop here: ALL further information MUST be completed in the presence of a Notary Public!

AFFIDAVIT/JURAT



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Complainant's signature

On this _____ day of _____, 20____ Before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared _____ proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which were _____ to be the person whose name is signed to this document who swore or affirmed to me that the contents of the document are truthful and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

Notary print Name _____

Notary Signature

Notary Public. My commission expires _____

SEAL BELOW

PART I. ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT

TITLE XX. PUBLIC SAFETY AND GOOD ORDER

CHAPTER 140. LICENSES

DOGS

Chapter 140: Section 157. Vicious dogs; nuisance; barking or other disturbance; annoyance to sick person; attacks on other dogs

Section 157. If any person shall make complaint in writing to the selectmen of a town, the officer in charge of the animal commission or person charged with the responsibility of handling dog complaints of a city, or the county commissioners, that any dog owned or harbored within his or their jurisdiction is a nuisance by reason of vicious disposition or excessive barking or other disturbance, or that any such dog by such barking or other disturbance is a source of annoyance to any sick person residing in the vicinity such selectmen, officer in charge of the animal commission or person charged with the responsibility of handling dog complaints or county commissioners shall investigate or cause to be investigated such complaint, including an examination on oath of the complainant, and may make such order concerning the restraint or disposal of such dog as may be deemed necessary. Within ten days after such order the owner or keeper of such dog may bring a petition in the district court within the judicial district of which the dog is owned or kept, addressed to the justice of the court, praying that the order may be reviewed by the court, or magistrate thereof, and after such notice to the officer or officers involved as the magistrate deem necessary the magistrate shall review such action, hear the witnesses and affirm such order unless it shall appear that it was made without proper cause or in bad faith, in which case such order shall be reversed. Any party shall have the right to request a de novo hearing on the petition before a justice of the court. The decision of the court shall be final and conclusive upon the parties. Any person owning or harboring such dog who shall fail to comply with any order of the selectmen, officer in charge of the animal commission or person charged with the responsibility of handling dog complaints, county commissioners or district court, as the case may be shall be punished by a fine of not more than twenty-five dollars for the first offense and not more than one hundred dollars for a second or subsequent offense, or by imprisonment for not more than thirty days, for the first offense and not more than sixty days for a second or subsequent offense, or both.