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Everyone loves dogs, right?

Except when your neighbor's dog won't stop barking. Adams County's Animal Management handles complaints when this occurs in unincorporated areas of the county. Please refer to the phone numbers on the back if you are located within city limits.
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How to handle a barking dog

and other animal noise issues

How to identify the problem

In Adams County, barking, howling, or any other unreasonable animal noise is prohibited. We realize that dogs bark on occasion, so a single instance is not grounds for a complaint. However, you can enter a complaint if you encounter a dog that barks, howls, yelps, whines, or makes noise audible beyond the premises.

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How to keep your dog from barking

Pet owners have the responsibility to make sure their dogs are not a nuisance in their community. Here are some suggestions to curtail nuisance barking:

- **Woof**
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**20+ minutes / 7 am to 9 pm**
For a consecutive period of over 20 minutes during the day – 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**10+ minutes / 9 pm to 7 am**
For a consecutive period of over 10 minutes during the night – 9 p.m. to 7 a.m.

**120+ minutes / 24-hour period**
For a cumulative period in excess of 120 minutes during any 24-hour period

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How to make a complaint

Adams County encourages neighbors to work out problems personally and in a civil manner. However, if this does not work, you can contact Adams County Animal Management to make a formal complaint. An animal management officer will investigate and, if warranted, issue a written warning documenting the date, time, and nature of the noise complaint.

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If the problem persists after the written warning, a summons and complaint may be issued for noise violations that have occurred a week after the original warning. To issue a summons, at least two witnesses from separate households must sign the complaint. A single witness is required to sign the complaint if credible evidence of the violation is provided or an animal management officer or deputy sheriff also observes the violation.

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PENALTIES

- **First Offense / Warning**
- **Second Offense / $50 fine**
- **Third Offense / $100 fine**
- **Habitual Violations / $500 fine**