



**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: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Time of Incident(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Incident(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Incident(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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**DOG INFORMATION**

Dog's Name (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Description (breed, color, distinctive markings, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

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**OWNER INFORMATION (If Known)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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- 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.

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Signature of Complainant\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Complaint

Return signed complaint to:

Harvard Select Board  
13 Ayer Road  
Harvard, Ma 01451Or via email to [jdoucet@harvard-ma.gov](mailto:jdoucet@harvard-ma.gov)