



Town of Yucca Valley Community Development/Public Works Department - Animal Control Services
ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES - PUBLIC NUISANCE ANIMALS
Instructions for Completing the Public Nuisance Animal Petition



The Town of Yucca Valley Ordinance No. 138 provides a legal process for determining whether or not an animal is a public nuisance animal, as defined in the Town's codes. If, at an administrative hearing, the animal is found to be a public nuisance, then the owner/caregiver of the animal must ensure that the animal nuisance is abated in accordance to the determination and findings made by an Administrative Hearing Officer.

In the event an administrative hearing is requested to be scheduled, by a citizen, an Animal Control Officer must determine that there exists "probable cause" to believe that a animal may be or is a public nuisance, as defined in Ordinance No. 138 Section 10.02.010 (t). To schedule a hearing, probable cause may either be established by a direct observation of an Animal Control, Code Compliance or Peace Officer or; a written petition which is:

1. Written by *two or more persons having separate residences* in a neighborhood that an animal is a public nuisance as defined in the Town's Ordinance No. 138 or;
2. Written *one or more residents* in a neighborhood that an animal is a public nuisance as defined in this chapter *and*:
 - Such resident(s) can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the animal control officer that the resident(s) has made a good faith effort to obtain the signatures of other residents in the neighborhood or can demonstrate that it is not possible to obtain such signatures, as in the case where there are less than two (2) occupied residences in the neighborhood, *and*;
 - Such resident(s) has provided to the satisfaction of the animal control officer adequate and competent evidence in support of the claim that the subject animal is a public nuisance within the meaning of this chapter.

The following outline offers a breakdown and explanation of the information needed and/or required to be included on the Town's Animal Nuisance Petition form.

1. Animal Owner/Keeper Information	Complete name of owner or custodian (if known); address of owner including the nearest cross street. Phone numbers (Home and/or work #, if known)
2. Animal(s) Physical Description	The animal that is the subject of the complaint. Be as clear and specific as possible about the breed and description. Other information may include anything significant about the animal's physical description (i.e.; blue eyes, docked tail, long hair, etc.)
3. Description of Conduct of Animal Which Constitutes Nuisance	These areas represent the Town's definitions of public nuisance animals. Check only the areas that apply to the subject animal and what you are basing your complaint upon.
4. Approximate Dates & Times When Nuisance Occurs	Avoid writing such things as "all day" or "all of the time" Be specific as possible about the dates and time (i.e.; January 1, 2003, 7 a.m. to 8 a.m., 10 p.m. to 11:15 p.m., 3:00 a.m. to 3:20 a.m., etc.)
5. Observed/Reported Animal Behavior and Other Related Information	Check only those that apply to the complaint/concern being filed in this petition and to the subject animal that this petition is based upon. Use additional paper if needed and attach it to this petition.
6. Have you ever contacted the animal owner/caregiver about the problem?	Check yes or no. If yes, please provide approximate date(s); explanation of what transpired and name of person(s) who may contact. Use additional paper if needed and attach to this petition.
Petitioner's name, signature, address and telephone number, date.	Please first print your name and then provide your signature. Also include your address and telephone number and date signed.

All petitioners are signing under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information provided in the complaint is true and correct to the best of their knowledge. Petitioners may be called to attend an administrative hearing and/or testify in court. All public animal nuisance petitions are public records and open to public inspection. If you have any questions, comments or concerns or we can be of further service, please contact:

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Thank you!