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Dear Pet Owner,

As your neighbor, we are asking for your cooperation in resolving a matter about animal noise coming from your property. Experience has shown that often times animal owners are unaware of the noises created when they are not home. We realize this may be the case, which is why we are bringing this matter to your attention.

Animal noise is noise created by “Any domesticated animal that howls, yelps, whines, barks or makes other oral noises, in such a manner as to disturb any person or neighborhood to an unreasonable degree”.¹ Violations carry a fine of \$50, and double for each subsequent offense up to \$1,000 and ordering the animal removed from King County. It is our hope that you will take positive steps now to prevent future complaints.

We are enclosing our “Preventing Nuisance Barking” brochure to help guide your positive steps to reduce or eliminate the noise that prompted the complaint. We hope you will take the time to review the information it provides and act upon it. If these suggestions are inadequate, please consult an animal behaviorist or contact your local Veterinarian for additional steps you can take.

Please note that any subsequent complaints to Regional Animal Services of King County may result in a Notice of Violation for unreasonable animal noise. Regional Animal Services of King County may also investigate to make sure your pets are licensed (if required by law). Pet license violations carry a \$125 for altered animals and \$250 for unaltered animals. You can get a license online at www.kingcounty.gov/pets or at local City Halls.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Your Neighbor(s)

¹ King County Code 11.04.230 (J). If you live in a municipality served by RASKC, the same language is adopted either by referencing King County Code or using substantially similar language in the applicable code.