

nhulunbuy corporation

DOG INCIDENT STATEMENT FORM

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Nhulunbuy Animal Control By-laws (As in force at 2 February 2023)

37 Dogs attacking or menacing persons or animals

(1) An owner of a dog must ensure that the dog does not:

- (a) menace a person or animal; or
- (b) attack a person or animal.

(2) An owner of a dog commits an offence if the owner fails to comply with clause (1).

Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.

Minimum Penalty: 7 penalty units

The following information is required for the Nhulunbuy Corporation to take action against a dog owner after an incident (dog attack, menacing, nuisance etc):

- Time and date of the incident
- Location of the incident
- A detailed description of the dog (eg. breed, colour, size, if possible its sex and any other distinguishing features)
- How the incident has occurred – describe the offending dog's actions exactly
- How the dog got out of its yard (through open gates, under the fence, jumped over the fence etc)
- Detail all injuries that were inflicted (ie. bit me on the left leg and left three puncture wounds). Where there are visible injuries, please provide photos
- If there was a person with the dog, then describe them. Also identify any potential witnesses such as neighbours who were in the street at the time. If the owner called the dog by its name, then provide the name of the dog.
- Draw a map and mark where the incident occurred, where you were, where the dog came from and, if known, where it went. It is important to show on the map the exact location where the dog jumped the fence or come under it. This helps the Nhulunbuy Corporation to gather sufficient evidence to take action.

The above information is required as complaints may progress to Court.

Detailed information allows and assists the Nhulunbuy Corporation in taking action against offending owners by issuing infringement notices, placing conditions on dog registrations, revoking registrations and ordering a dog off lease and in some cases seizing a dangerous dog.

Please remember to supply as much information as possible to assist with resolving the situation.

STATEMENT – DOG INCIDENT

I (full name) _____

OF (street address) _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

TELEPHONE _____

DO SOLEMNLY AND SINCERELY DECLARE THAT:

MAP OF INCIDENT

I will be available to give evidence in Nhulunbuy if and when required. I understand that the contents of this statement may be disclosed for defence purposes.

I further declare that:

- I have attained the age of 18 years, and
- I have read this statement before signing it.

I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the *Oaths Act* and conscientiously believing the statements contained in this declaration to be true in every particular.

DATED THIS _____ DAY OF _____

SIGNATURE _____

PRINT NAME _____

WITNESS

SIGNATURE _____

PRINT NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

By-law - 15 Misleading information

(1) A person commits an offence if:

- (a) the person intentionally gives information to another person; and
- (b) the other person is an officer; and
- (c) the person knows the information is misleading; and
- (d) the person knows the officer is acting in an official capacity.

Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.

(2) A person commits an offence if:

- (a) the person intentionally gives a document to another person; and
- (b) the other person is an officer; and
- (c) the person knows the document contains misleading information; and
- (d) the person knows the officer is acting in an official capacity.

Maximum penalty: 20 penalty units.