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# Dog Barking Standard

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**Shut that bloody dog up!!**

A pixelated, grey and white dog is shown in profile, facing right. The dog is rendered in a low-resolution, blocky style. The text "Shut that bloody dog up!!" is overlaid on the dog, written in a large, bold, orange font with a slight shadow effect.



## City of Onkaparinga Dog Barking Standard

- 200 dog barking complaints per year
- 90% resolved within 14 days

### Recent Improvements

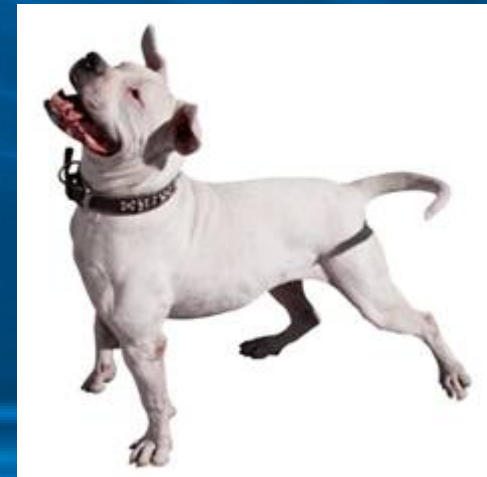
- Reviewed complaint handling
- Bark counting collar





## City of Onkaparinga Dog Barking Standard

- What constitutes barking nuisance?
- Scientific basis
- Stand the test of prosecution
- Provide Guide to AMOs





## Process

1. Measure the acoustics of a dog bark
2. Find a scientific measurement for dog barking nuisance
3. Suitable studies to assist
4. Animal Management Officers apply/interpret
5. Apply to historic records
6. Develop an enforcement procedure
7. Guideline be developed for application of the Standard





## Measurement Sound Power

Small Dog



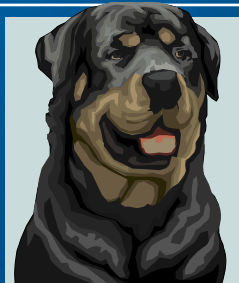
115 dB(a) Peak

Medium Dog



118.6 dB(a) Peak

Large Dog



116.8 dB(a) Peak



## The Science

- Noise Control Act (Repealed)
- Levels for intermittent noise
- Logarithmic averaging provisions that support current legislation
- Social studies of Rifle Range Nuisance

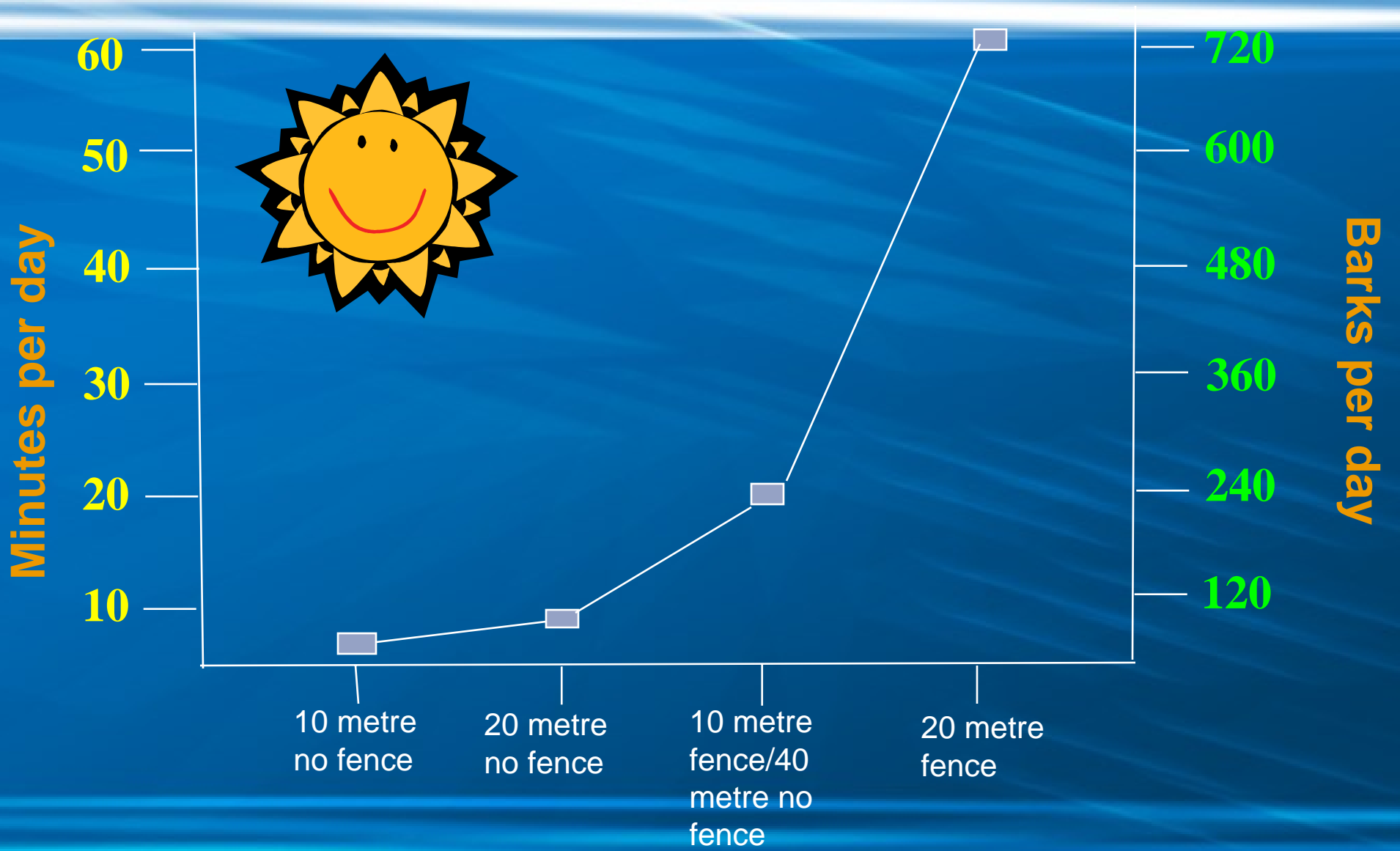


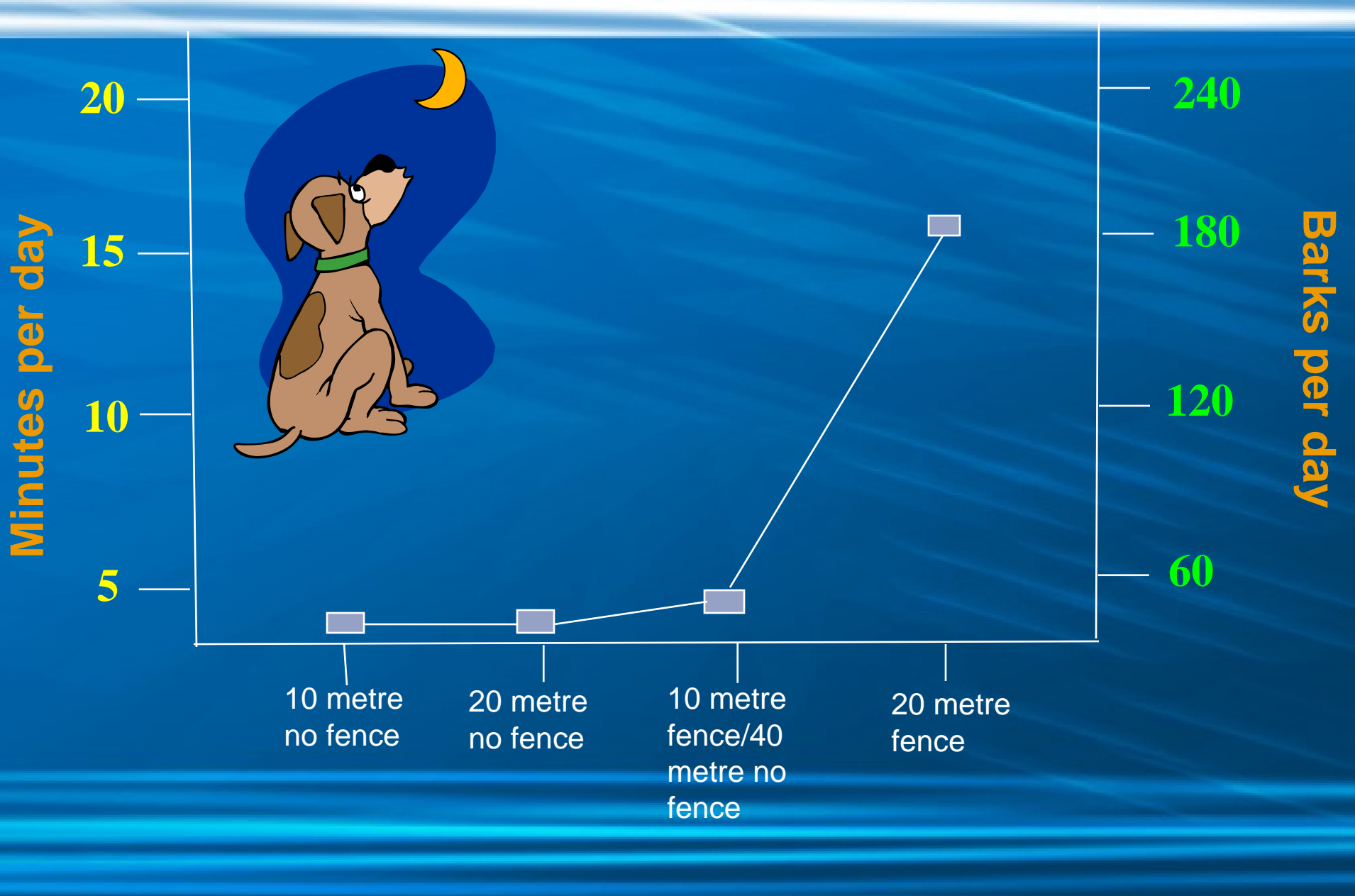


## Factors



- Distance
- Sound barriers (fence)
- Time of day







## Outcome

- Daytime standard – 240 barks per day
- Night time standard – 35 barks per night

Guideline – ability to vary dependent upon individual circumstances



## Enforcement Procedure

<b>Level 1</b> - Close to breach or one breach of the Standard during survey period	Advise dog owner that a problem is imminent – suggest remedies
<b>Level 2</b> - One or two breaches during survey period	Advise dog owner of problem. Advise they must take steps. Advise expiation/prosecution order possible for future breach
<b>Level 3</b> - Ongoing breach during survey period	Consider expiation/order/prosecution Insist immediate remedy Expiation/prosecute future breaches



# Example 1

	Tretter Street							JAN			
	17-Jan	19-Jan	20-Jan	21-Jan	22-Jan	23-Jan	24-Jan	25-Jan	26-Jan	27-Jan	28-Jan
6-7 am							8				
7-8 am					28	10	10	20	15	10	10
8-9 am									15	10	10
9-10 am											14
10-11 am										8	
12-1pm					21						
3-4 pm	8										
4-5 pm				9							
5-6 pm	8	15	11	9						10	
6-7 pm		15	11	28						10	28
8-9 pm										5	
Total	16	30	22	46	49	10	18	20	30	53	62



## Example 2

DOG BARKING RECORD						Peter Court						
	3-Feb	4-Feb	5-Feb	6-Feb	7-Feb	8-Feb	9-Feb	10-Feb	27-Feb	28-Feb	1-Mar	3-Mar
12-1am											40	
1-2 am											25	
5-6 am									20	20		
6-7 am	70	24	35	14	47	20	40	12	20	35	20	
7-8 am												
8-9 pm								80				
9-10 pm												
10-11 pm							55					80
11-12 pm												
Total	70	24	35	14	47	20	95	92	40	55	55	80



# Example 3

DOG BARKING RECORD					Leawarra Avenue					
	19-Jul	20-Jul	21-Jul	22-Jul	23-Jul	24-Jul	25-Jul	26-Jul	27-Jul	28-Jul
7-8 am	16	42					8			
8-9 am		212	8					22		16
9-10 am		343	117						12	
10-11 am		33					31		25	
11-12 am		84	5				9			
12-1pm	22		87	92						
1-2 pm	58	12		19			23		12	
2-3 pm		16		12						
3-4 pm					23	19	19		18	
4-5 pm					13				67	
Total	96	742	217	123	36	19	90	22	134	16





# Example 4

	DOG BARKING RECORD				Wildi Court		
	6-Jul	7-Jul	8-Jul	9-Jul	10-Jul	11-Jul	12-Jul
6-7 am			11				
7-8 am							7
8-9 am			23				17
9-10 am		133	17		253		
10-11 am		77	76	57	100	12	
11-12 am			18	127	100		
12-1 pm			61		12	8	
1-2 pm	129		14		88		
2-3 pm	110		35				
3-4 pm	10		67		180	100	
4-5 pm			20			17	
5-6 pm	90	250	18				
6-7 pm				68			
Total	339	450	360	252	733	137	24



## Next Steps

- Confirm the standard with the Acoustic Engineer
- Document the process and guideline
- Review at 3, 6 and 12 months



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