



## DOG ATTACK COMPLAINT STATEMENT

### DOG ATTACK STATEMENT GUIDE

The information below is intended to be used as a guide only to assist you in providing us with the necessary details to be used as evidence. This guide should not be regarded as advice or coercion of the facts of the event. It is important you include all relevant details of the incident.

**Compensation** The Shire of Chapman Valley are not authorised to recoup out of pocket expenses resulting in a dog attack. This is a civil matter between the victim and the offending dog owner. Where offending dog owners offer to pay veterinary / medical costs associated with an attack, contact details may be provided with consent. **THIS DOES NOT ALTER ANY POSSIBLE ACTION THAT MAY BE TAKEN UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE DOG ACT.**

You must give an honest account of what happened. If you include anything in it that you know to be false or that you do not believe is true, you may be guilty of a crime and liable to imprisonment for 7 years.

- ✓ Please use the statement forms provided by the Ranger
- ✓ Your statement should cover:
  - WHEN** exactly did the attack take place, including date and time
  - WHERE** exactly did the attack take place (verge / footpath / road / reserve or park / private address), which direction were you heading, which way did the attacking dog come from
  - WHO** was involved in the attack, providing names and addresses where known or descriptions of people (clothing / hair colour / sex / age / height) and dogs involved (colour / markings / sex / breed)
  - WHAT** happened, immediately before, during and after the attack, especially the actions of the attacking dog, describe any injuries you / your dog received and any medical / vet treatment that was provided
- ✓ You may wish to include:
  - Relevant documents (e.g. vet report, medical report), a sketch or photographs
  - Was your dog on a lead?
  - Was the attacking dog on a lead?
  - Was the attacking dog wearing any type of collar? Can you describe it?
  - Was the attacking dog wearing a muzzle?
  - What were you / your dog doing immediately before the attack?
  - What did you / your dog do during the attack?
  - What was the owner / controller of the attacking dog doing immediately before the attack?
  - What did the owner / controller of the attacking dog do during the attack?
  - Were there any witnesses?
  - What did the witness do or say?
  - What did you do after the attack?
  - What did the owner / controller of the attacking dog do after the attack?
- ✓ **Sign and date EACH PAGE of your statement**



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**STATEMENT**

Complainant	
Victim	
Witness	
Dog Owner	

I, \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth, \_\_\_\_\_

Of, \_\_\_\_\_

This statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have made this statement knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I will be guilty of a crime if I have willfully included in the statement anything that I know to be false or that I do not believe is true.

I wish to report that,

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_





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### STATEMENT CONTINUATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sketch of locality of attack / include street name & house number, verge / footpath

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_