

Town of Milford Animal Nuisance Ordinance

Any dog kept within the Town of Milford may be declared to be a nuisance upon finding of evidence that the dog is a dangerous animal because such dog has bitten a human being. Upon finding evidence that a human being was bitten by a dog, the animal control officer or Deputy Sheriff may proceed with an action against the owner in accordance with Title 7 of Maine Revised Statutes Annotated Chapter 709, as amended.

Further, any dog kept within the Town of Milford may be declared to be a nuisance upon the finding by the animal control officer or Deputy Sheriff that the owner or occupant of a property within one thousand (1000) feet radius of the property owned or occupied by the owner of the dog has been annoyed by the noise of a dog which the owner has failed to restrain from being noisy. Upon finding such evidence, the animal control officer or Deputy Sheriff shall give the owner of the dog a written warning the first time he receives a complaint from the owner or occupant of property within the said one thousand (1000) feet radius. If the owner of the dog fails to comply with this section after receiving the written warning, the animal control officer or Deputy Sheriff may proceed with an action against the owner of the dog for violating this ordinance.

A dog owner shall not be penalized for more than one (1) violation of this section during any consecutive twenty-four (24) hour time period; however, no further written warning need to be given after the first written warning is given.