



PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL DIVISION  
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**PALM BEACH COUNTY ORDINANCE 98-22, SECTION 4-5: ANIMALS CREATING NUISANCES**

- A. The owner having control or custody any dog, cat or psittacine bird that:
- 1) Habitually barks, whines, howls, squawks or causes other objectionable oral noise resulting in a serious annoyance to a reasonable person, shall be deemed to be committing an act in violation of this section; or
  - 2) Disturbs the peace by habitually or repeatedly destroying, desecrating or soiling public or private property, chasing persons, livestock, cars or other vehicles, running at large, or other behavior that interferes with the reasonable use and enjoyment of the property, shall constitute a public nuisance.
- B. An animal control officer shall investigate an alleged violation of this section upon the receipt of two (2) sworn affidavits or complaint provided by the Division, signed by two (2) unrelated Palm Beach County residents living in separate dwellings in the close vicinity of the alleged violation. The affidavit shall specify the address or location of the alleged violation, the nature, time and date(s) of the act, the name and address of the owner or custodian, if known, and a description of the animal, if known.
- C. An animal control officer, upon the receipt of two (2) sworn affidavits of complaint as provided for in paragraph (b) herein, may issue a citation to the owner or custodian of any animal alleged to be in violation of this section.

The undersigned swears to have just and reasonable ground to believe and does believe that the animal(s) physically described below:

\_\_\_\_\_

Has been a nuisance by (explain in detail):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Beginning (mm/dd/yy)

\_\_\_\_\_

And continuing to (mm/dd/yy)

\_\_\_\_\_

The animal's owner:

\_\_\_\_\_

Residing at

\_\_\_\_\_

is thereby in violation of **Palm Beach County Ordinance 98-22, Section 4-5.**

How do you know the nuisance animal belongs to the above person?

Have you actually witnessed the violations?  Yes  No  
Have you discussed the problem with the owner?  Yes  No  
If yes, with what results?

**FORMAL AFFIDAVIT COMPLAINT MUST BE NOTARIZED  
COMPLETED FORMS ARE INVALID UNTIL NOTARIZED.**

**I swear the above is true to the best of my knowledge.  
I understand I may be called as a witness in a court of law.**

PRINT FULL NAME

ADDRESS

HOME TELEPHONE

WORK TELEPHONE

SIGNATURE

**Note: If Citations are issued, you will be called to court as a witness.**

STATE OF FLORIDA - COUNTY OF PALM BEACH	
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ (date)	
By _____ who is	
personally known to me or has provided _____ as identification and who did (did not) take an oath.	
Signature	Commission No.
Name of notary (typed, printed or stamped)	