

BARKING DOGS

At the September 1, 2007 CSPOA community meeting, concerns regarding excessive barking dogs was raised. The Board contacted the County of Tuolumne, Department of Animal Control, and we were told the following:

- 1) There is an ordinance pertaining to noisy dogs, 6.04.365. It reads:
 - A. No person shall own, keep, harbor or maintain any dog or puppy within the unincorporated area of this County that barks, howls, cries, bays, or whines for longer than thirty minutes at a time. If the Animal Control Manager or his/her designee witnesses the above violation and no one is available to sign and accept a citation, the Animal Control Manager or his/her designee may impound the noisy dog or puppy.
 - B. No person shall own, keep, harbor or maintain any animal which creates a nuisance as defined in 6.04.020(D).

- 2) If two or more neighbors actually log the events, including days and times, of animal nuisances, the Animal Control Manager could use those records as evidence enough to impound the animal without having witnessed the events for him or herself.

If you have any questions please contact Tuolumne County Animal Control at 209-984-1338. The shelter is located at 10040 Victoria Way just below Jamestown off Highway 108. The mailing address is: 2 South Green Street, Sonora, CA 95370.

The CSPOA Board hopes that all owners may continue to enjoy their pets, and at the same time do so with consideration to their neighbors.