



## Dog Problems

Spirit Lake has an ordinance against dogs at large and noise complaints from barking dogs.

**1<sup>st</sup>- Inform the dog owner-** They may not realize there is a complaint.

**2<sup>nd</sup>- If the problem continues, contact SLPD by calling 208-623-2701.** Advise dispatch of the problem and give them the address of the owner. An officer will then give the dog owner a written warning, advising them of the ordinance and enforcement procedures.

**3<sup>rd</sup>- If the warning notice didn't work, report it to SLPD again.** An officer will respond and fill out a citation, and you will sign it. You may have to go to court to prove your case. Try to obtain photos or audio of the violations. The officer will then serve the citation which carries a civil penalty of \$25.

**4<sup>th</sup>- If the violations continue, follow steps 2 and 3.**

**5<sup>th</sup>-** If the violations continue, SLPD will go through the same process as above, but the civil penalty for each subsequent offense doubles and rises to a misdemeanor on the 4<sup>th</sup> offense.



## TRESPASSERS

- It is suggested that you post "NO TRESPASSING" signs and/or 100 square-inches of fluorescent orange or bright orange every 660 feet along your property.
- If someone is on your property and is not welcome, **you must tell that person to leave immediately.**
- If the person leaves, there is no crime.
- A trespasser may not return and enter your property without permission or invitation within a year.
- If the person does not leave, or returns after you have trespassed them, they are trespassing and can be cited. Call SLPD. An officer will respond, and you will need to sign a citation. You may have to go to court and provide your own evidence for the case so try to get photos or audio proof and/or a witness.