**OWNER’S STATUTORY DECLARATION FOR DEBARKING A DOG WHICH IS**

**A PUBLIC NUISANCE**

To be completed and presented to the Registered Veterinary Practitioner who will debark the dog. All sections are to be completed and the document is to be witnessed by an authorised person.

I...................................................................................................................................................

 FULL NAME (printed)

of.................................................................................................................................................

 ADDRESS (printed)

being the owner of..................................................................................................................

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BREED, DESCRIPTION, NAME AND COUNCIL REGISTRATION NUMBER

request that the above dog be debarked because it is a public nuisance as it barks persistently, and I have made every reasonable effort to discourage the dog from so barking by considerate care, training and management. The only remaining effective alternative to debarking the dog is to destroy it.

I have read the Code of Practice for Debarking Dogs, and;

I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of an Act of the Parliament of Victoria rendering persons making a false Declaration punishable for wilful and corrupt perjury.

Declared at.............................................................. in the State of Victoria

 this............................... (DATE)

day of ........... (YEAR)

Before me........................................................................... (WITNESS)

A person who is authorised under Section 30(2) of the Oaths and Affirmations Act\*

* *The persons authorised under Section 30(2) include a justice of the peace or bail justice in Victoria, a qualified medical practitioner, a municipal councillor, a member of the Police Force, a dentist, a veterinarian, a pharmacist, a principal in the teaching service, an accountant, a minister of religion and certain court officials.*

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