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POLICE

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2025/047 - Dog attacks

Although excess cost removed the forces obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Since 2019 how many dog attacks have been reported each year, and if possible, broken down into breeds?

HO Code	HO Description
008/21	Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in England or Wales (whether or not a public place) injuring any person or assistance dog

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	22	25	16	27	40	34	21
February	24	14	22	24	27	36	0
March	19	31	31	43	37	38	0
April	23	23	39	32	48	38	0
May	32	35	32	50	46	68	0
June	29	25	42	46	59	56	0
July	40	35	32	41	52	62	0
August	47	39	43	55	49	59	0
September	32	34	26	42	60	40	0
October	24	22	25	41	31	39	0
November	22	18	22	31	26	27	0
December	25	24	19	29	36	38	0

How many dog on human attacks have, to your knowledge, resulted in hospitalisations each year since 2019?

Occurrences where Victim Injuries Sustained matches "Fatal" or "Serious" or where Summary includes keyword "hospital":

Calendar Year	Occurrence Count
2019	30
2020	20
2021	16
2022	23
2023	15
2024	27
2025	1

How many reports of XL bully attacks since 2019, and have you noticed a decrease since the 1st February 2024?

Occurrences with Keyword Search for XL Bully in Occ Summary or Enquiry Log:

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	0	1	1	5	1
February	0	0	1	5	0
March	0	0	1	5	0
April	0	0	1	3	0
May	0	1	3	8	0
June	0	0	2	10	0
July	0	0	3	6	0
August	0	0	4	6	0
September	0	0	3	2	0
October	1	1	5	4	0
November	0	1	4	4	0
December	0	0	5	6	0

Which dog breed carried out the most attacks each year since 2019?

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To obtain the information in the format you have requested would involve manually reviewing each record on our force system. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 21/01/2025