



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date:16/04/2025

2025/417 - Dog Attacks, Seizures, and Destroyed

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;

I would like to request the following under the FOI Act for the years between and including 2019 and 2024.

- The number of out-of-control dog causing injury to a person or guide dog offences

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
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	339	325	349	461	511	532

- The number of these offences involving XL Bullies

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.

However, we can provide offences and keyword search for XL Bully in the offences:

Pencadlys yr Heddlu,
Glan-y-Don, Bae Colwyn LL29 8AW
www.heddlugogleddcymru.police.uk

Police Headquarters,
Glan-y-Don, Colwyn Bay LL29 8AW
www.northwales.police.uk

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Calendar Year	HO Description
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- **The number of dogs seized** - 27
- **The number of these seizures involving XL Bullies** - 8
- **The number of dogs destroyed** - 12
- **The number of these destructions involving XL Bullies** - 2

Please note: we only hold complete figures for 2024 and 2025 (to date).

We have provided information for dogs classed as "out of control" as per the first 2 questions.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 11/04/2025