



Response Date:13/05/2025

2025/444 - Out-of-control dogs

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

1. The number of offences of out-of-control dogs causing injury to a person in the last three years (Between April 6th and April 5th 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25). Broken down by year, number of offences, breed of dog, severity of injury and police outcome.

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To identify if the breed of the dog is recorded in each case 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.

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.

Year	008/21 Offences
2022/23	472
2023/24	515
2024/25	517

Victim Injury (stats class)	None	Not completed	Serious	Slight
2022/23	43	53	48	328
2023/24	46	46	49	374
2024/25	41	70	31	375

Outcome	01. Charged / Summoned / Postal Requisition	03. Adult Caution / Conditional Caution	08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal	10. Police Formal Action Not In Public Interest	14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	15. CPS Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	17. Suspect Identified but Prosecution Time Limit Expired	18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	20. Other Body / Agency has Investigation Primacy	21. Police Named Suspect, Investigation Not in the Public Interest	22. Diversionary / Educational	Outcome Not Yet Assigned	Total
2022/23	33	6	25	30	24	0	74	135	0	91	5	15	23	11	472
2023/24	25	4	27	16	19	1	101	141	1	126	9	13	17	15	515
2024/25	15	3	29	3	28	1	152	81	0	132	4	4	2	63	517

2. The number of dogs seized in the last three years - Broken down by year, by breed and by reason for seizure.

2023

Total seized – 40

Reason Seized

Section 1 - 2

Section 3 - 13

Prisoner property - 5

Dog Welfare - 7

Reason not clear – 13

Breeds -

Pocket Bully - 5
XL Bully - 5
Staffordshire Bull Terrier - 10
Sharpei - 1
Cane Corso - 3
Lurcher - 3
Collie - 2
Rottweiler - 1
Pit Bull Terrier - 2
French Bulldog - 2
Terrier - 1
Shitzu - 1
Bull Mastiff - 1
Caucasian Shepard - 1
Akita - 1
Anatolian Shepard - 1

2024

Total seized - **78**

Reason Seized -

Section 1 - 31
Section 3 - 29
Prisoner property - 8
Dog Welfare - 4
Reason not clear - 1
Stray - 5

Breeds -

Doberman - 1
Staffordshire Bull Terrier - 13
Terrier - 2
XL Bully - 40
Pocket Bully - 6
Mastiff - 2
Malinois - 1
Lurcher - 1
Pitbull Terrier - 3
American Johnson Bulldog - 1

Sharpei – 1
Cane Corso – 2
Shitzu – 1
Collie – 1
Cross Breed - 1
Jack Russel – 1
Rottweiler – 1

2025 (to date) -
Total Seized - 26

Reason Seized
Section 1 - 14
Section 3 - 6
Prisoner property - 4
Dog Welfare – 2

Breeds -
Pocket Bully – 1
German Shepard – 1
Collie – 1
Old English Bulldog – 1
XL Bully – 9
Bulldog Cross – 1
American Bulldog – 1
Collie Cross – 1
Pit Bull Terrier – 4
Rottweiler – 1
Chow Chow – 1
Staffordshire Bull Terrier – 1
Mastiff – 2
Turkish Kangal – 1

2a) The number of dogs destroyed in the last three years - broken down by year, by breed and reason for destruction.

The reason for destruction is not always recorded but generally it is because the owner has disclaimed ownership or the court has ordered it.

2023 – Total destroyed – 12

2024 – Total destroyed – 31

2025 (to date) – Total destroyed – 5

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 07/05/2025