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**NORTH WALES
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2026/048 - Offence Codes and Recording Classifications for Dangerous Dogs Act Matters

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

This request relates only to administrative offence codes, crime-recording classifications, and recording guidance. No case-specific information, personal data, or investigative material is requested.

1. Offence codes – Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, Section 1 Please provide the offence code(s), classification(s), or recording categories used by your force to record the following:

- a) Possession or custody of a prohibited type dog (Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, s1(3)) -**
- b) Suspected prohibited type dog (prior to any confirmation)**
- c) Confirmed prohibited type dog, if recorded separately**
- d) Seizure of a dog believed to be a prohibited type (including seizures under s5 or PACE powers)**
- e) Breeding, selling, exchanging, advertising, or gifting a prohibited type (s1(7)) If Section 1 matters are not recorded as notifiable crimes or are not recorded on your crime system, please state this clearly.**

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Value	Parent Code	Code	Meaning	Sort Ord.	Effective From Date	Effective To Date	Usage Guidelines	
008/21	008	008/21	Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in Any place in England and Wales (whether or not	008/21			Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 Sec 3(1) as amended by Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act Sec 106	
008/22	008	008/22	Owner Or Person In Charge Allowing Dog To Enter A Non Public Place And Injure Any Person	008/22		13/05/2014	Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 Sec.3(3) ["Aggravated Offences"]	
111/12	111	111/12	Breeding From A Fighting Dog	111/12			Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 Sec. 1(2)(A) Environmental Protection Act 1990, Sec. 1(2)(A)	
111/13	111	111/13	Selling, Exchanging, Offering, Advertising Or Exposing For Sale A Fighting Dog	111/13			Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 Sec. 1(2)(B) Environmental Protection Act 1990, Sec. 1(2)(B)	
111/14	111	111/14	Giving Or Offering To Give A Fighting Dog	111/14			Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 Sec. 1(2)(C) Environmental Protection Act 1990, Sec. 1(2)(C)	
111/15	111	111/15	Allowing A Fighting Dog To Be In A Public Place Without A Muzzle Or Lead	111/15			Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 Sec. 1(2)(D) Environmental Protection Act 1990, Sec. 1(2)(D)	
111/16	111	111/16	Abandoning, Or Allowing To Stray, A Fighting Dog	111/16			Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 Sec. 1(2)(E) Environmental Protection Act 1990, Sec. 1(2)(E)	
111/17	111	111/17	Possession, Without Exemption, Of A Pit Bull Terrier, Japanese Tosa Or Other Designated Fighting Dog	111/17			Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 Sec. 1(3) Environmental Protection Act 1990, Sec. 1(2)	
111/18	111	111/18	Owner Or Person In Charge Allowing Dog To Be Dangerously Out Of Control In A Public Place, No Injury Being Caused	111/18			Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 Sec. 3(1)[Not "Aggravated Offences"]Environmental Protection Act 1990, Sec. 3(1)	
111/19	111	111/19	Owner Or Person In Charge Allowing Dog To Enter A Non Public Place Causing Reasonable Apprehension Of Injury To A Person	111/19			Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 Sec. 3(3)[Not "Aggravated Offences"]Environmental Protection Act 1990, Sec. 3(3)	
111/20	111	111/20	Failing To Give Up A Dog For Destruction Or Having Custody Of A Dog While Disqualified	111/20			Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 Sec.4(8)Protection Of Badgers Act 1992,Sec.13	

2. Offence codes – Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, Section 3 Please provide the offence code(s) or classifications used to record:

- a) Dog dangerously out of control causing injury – 008/21**
- b) Dog dangerously out of control causing death - 008/21**
- c) Dog dangerously out of control with no injury -111/18**

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3. Destruction and exemption outcomes – 111/20 Failure to comply with Destruction order is the only offence code. Anything else recorded would be just under non crime.

Please provide any offence codes or outcome codes used to record:

- a) Destruction orders (s4)**
- b) Destruction without owner present (s4B)**
- c) Exemption orders (s4A)**
- d) Voluntary surrender or disclaimer, if recorded separately**

4. Internal or local codes – As above codes under 111 – non notifiable offences also held by MOJ.

If your force uses internal or local offence codes that differ from Home Office classifications, please provide:

- the internal code**
- its description**
- and, where applicable, the Home Office offence category it maps to**

N/A.

5. “Suspected” vs “confirmed” classification Please confirm whether your recording system distinguishes between:

- suspected prohibited type,**
- and confirmed prohibited type,**
- or whether a single code is used for all Section 1 matters regardless of status.**

6. Recording guidance –

Please provide, or identify by title/reference, any written guidance or definitions used by crime-recording staff that specify:

- when Section 1 matters should be recorded**
- which offence code should be applied**
- how suspected versus confirmed prohibited type is recorded (if applicable)**

Crime recorders record all notifiable offences and follow HOCR guidance (section 3 cases)

No further information held.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 28/01/2026