



**HEDDLU
GOGLEDD CYMRU
NORTH WALES
POLICE**

Response Date: 28/04/2026

2026/405 - Dog Bites and Dog Aggression Incident FOI Request

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I would like to request information regarding dog bites and dog aggression incidents recorded by North Wales Police.

Please provide the following data for:

Annual Incident Volumes

- **The number of recorded offences under the Home Office Counting Rules classification "Owner or person in charge of allowing a dog to be dangerously out of control, injuring any person or assistance dog" for each calendar year from 2020 to 2025.**

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

Calendar Year	Occ Count
2020	325
2021	349
2022	461
2023	511
2024	531
2025	515

Victim Demographic and Location

- **Please provide separate breakdowns of victims by:**
 - **Victim age group**
 - **Victim gender**
 - **Location type (private residence, public open place, street or pavement, workplace)**

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Please provide these for each year from 2020 to 2025. If a full year-by-year breakdown is not possible, aggregate across the full period is acceptable.

Victim Age	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
0	1	1	1	0	3	1
1	4	3	1	8	6	12
10	5	2	9	10	13	9
11	3	3	3	10	9	5
12	1	6	9	6	7	4
13	4	7	5	4	10	12
14	3	4	4	4	9	11
15	1	2	5	4	4	4
16	1	0	4	4	6	4
17	0	4	3	3	5	5
18	3	5	3	2	6	3
19	2	4	2	2	5	3
2	6	1	6	9	9	11
20	2	2	2	4	2	4
21	4	2	4	10	5	4
22	1	3	2	4	6	4
23	3	4	7	2	4	1
24	3	2	2	4	4	11
25	2	6	5	4	6	3
26	4	3	9	8	2	5
27	5	1	4	6	4	7
28	1	3	10	7	6	3
29	3	6	6	7	10	6
3	6	3	7	6	6	10
30	2	3	6	5	5	9
31	3	4	7	5	5	5
32	3	5	3	4	9	5
33	2	1	7	5	5	8
34	1	7	7	13	3	8
35	5	7	8	6	9	2
36	7	5	5	7	6	6
37	5	1	7	4	6	7

38	6	5	4	5	5	3
39	7	5	6	7	4	5
4	1	11	7	5	14	8
40	3	5	11	7	12	4
41	2	2	4	2	6	5
42	2	2	4	9	8	3
43	3	3	3	3	6	4
44	6	1	4	4	10	6
45	3	0	7	3	3	11
46	5	2	6	5	4	4
47	8	4	10	8	7	5
48	6	7	4	3	7	9
49	8	7	12	10	7	5
5	8	6	6	8	7	8
50	8	9	2	7	6	5
51	5	2	8	9	6	4
52	6	6	9	7	11	11
53	3	6	9	8	5	10
54	3	5	5	6	6	8
55	9	6	10	10	6	6
56	3	5	6	4	8	4
57	1	7	6	7	4	10
58	7	6	8	5	6	5
59	3	3	7	6	5	7
6	11	5	8	4	12	4
60	5	5	7	6	4	8
61	3	4	3	6	10	7
62	4	7	10	5	5	5
63	4	6	2	6	6	9
64	2	1	2	2	7	1
65	2	1	2	6	5	2
66	3	2	4	5	7	3
67	4	4	6	8	4	1
68	2	6	1	8	5	1
69	2	2	5	2	5	3

7	8	6	10	5	5	10
70	1	7	3	1	4	4
71	1	1	2	5	3	5
72	4	4	2	4	4	6
73	1	3	1	4	2	5
74	3	3	2	5	2	3
75	2	3	3	4	1	2
76	3	1	2	1	2	3
77	0	2	1	1	4	3
78	1	0	2	3	5	2
79	1	1	0	2	2	6
8	3	5	7	10	10	6
80	1	1	0	1	3	1
81	0	2	0	2	1	0
82	1	0	0	1	0	0
83	1	0	0	1	0	2
84	0	3	0	0	0	0
85	0	0	1	0	0	1
86	0	0	1	1	0	2
87	2	0	0	0	1	0
9	7	1	8	10	7	11
90	1	0	0	0	0	1
No DOB Recorded	30	38	45	67	47	56

Victim Gender	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
F	150	148	199	204	225	232
M	155	171	221	235	245	209
U	0	0	2	1	1	0
	20	30	39	71	60	74

Location	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Beach Hut	0	1	2	0	0	2
Commercial	11	9	4	8	2	1
Dwelling	83	89	97	103	102	134
Education	2	0	0	0	0	0

Hospitality	1	4	10	10	8	13
Leisure	5	1	2	3	2	2
Medical	0	0	0	0	0	1
Moving vehicle	1	0	0	0	0	3
Public building	0	0	2	0	0	1
Public/open place	156	166	181	186	160	200
Shop	3	2	0	2	2	2
Travel	0	0	0	1	0	0
	64	77	165	200	258	160

Outcomes

- Please provide the data on the outcome of these offences for each year during 2020-2025, including:
 - Charge/ prosecution
 - Caution or warning
 - No further action
- A monthly breakdown of the same offences for the most recent calendar year to date (January 2026 -April 2026)

Outcome (2026 Data 01/01/26-22/04/26)	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
01A. Alternate Offence Charged / Summonsed / Postal Requisition	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
01. Charged / Summonsed / Postal Requisition	9	22	33	29	26	21	0
03A. Alternate Offence Adult Caution / Conditional Caution	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
03. Adult Caution / Conditional Caution	11	9	4	6	5	3	0
05. Offender Has Died	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
08. Community Resolution / Youth Restorative Disposal	6	15	24	28	33	57	14
09. CPS Prosecution Not In Public Interest	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
10. Police Formal Action Not In Public Interest	32	30	30	24	1	1	2
14. Victim Declines / Unable to Support Action to Identify Offender	14	16	26	21	22	27	6
15. CPS Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	1	1	0	4	1	2	0
15. Police Named Suspect, Victim Supports but Evidential Difficulties	42	49	64	84	167	153	12
16. Victim Declines / Withdraws Support - Named Suspect Identified	117	106	126	143	98	74	20
17. Suspect Identified but Prosecution Time Limit Expired	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
18. Investigation Complete No Suspect Identified	47	48	91	115	153	129	18
20. Other Body / Agency has Investigation Primacy	5	0	3	8	7	6	2
21. Police Named Suspect, Investigation Not in the Public Interest	29	12	19	16	2	3	4
22. Checkpoint	7	35	30	19	5	0	0
Under Investigation	0	6	9	13	11	39	49

DDA Seizures

North Wales Police Dog Section was part of an alliance with Cheshire until mid 2024.
The below data is only for 2025, we no longer have access to the records prior to this.

• **Please provide data on the number of dogs seized under the Dangerous Dog Act 1991 for each calendar year from 2020 to 2025**

2025 - 38

• **Please also provide the number of dogs seized under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 for each month of 2026 to date (January 2026 to April 2026)**

- Jan - 5
- Feb - 4
- Mar - 4
- Apr - 0

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 24/04/2026