



Response Date:11/09/2026

2026/816 - Dog Attack Offences and Arrests

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would be grateful if you could provide the following information for each calendar year from 2021 to the most recent period available.

1. The total number of offences recorded under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991.

Offences under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991:

2021	360
2022	473
2023	526
2024	556
2025	574
2026	365

2. The total number of offences recorded under Section 3 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 (dog dangerously out of control).

Offences under section 3 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991:

2021	360
2022	473
2023	526
2024	547
2025	565
2026	365

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3. The total number of arrests made in connection with offences under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991.

Arrests for Offences under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991:

2021	3
2022	7
2023	14
2024	15
2025	13
2026	8

4. The total number of arrests made in connection with Section 3 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 (dog dangerously out of control).

Arrests for Offences under Section 3 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991:

2021	3
2022	7
2023	14
2024	13
2025	11
2026	8

5. Where recorded, the age of the victim, grouped into the following bands:

- o Under 18
- o 18-24
- o 25-34
- o 35-44
- o 45-54
- o 55-64
- o 65+

Victims of Offences under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 broken down by age group:

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
1. Under 18	71	104	111	144	141	96
2. 18-24	25	22	28	31	33	14
3. 25-34	40	63	66	57	63	44
3. 35-44	38	58	54	73	52	56
4. 45-54	49	70	71	65	80	37
5. 55-64	51	65	60	66	67	41
6. Over 65	47	39	66	60	61	35
NO DOB RECORDED	9	11	17	11	15	12

6. The number of victims recorded as:

- **Postal workers, couriers and delivery drivers;**
- **Utility workers, engineers or contractors.**

Occurrences under the Dangerous dogs Act 1991 where victim occupation is listed as Postal worker, Engineering, Construction Industry, Power, Telecommunications or Tradesman (there is no Utility worker or Contractor):

Calendar Year	Involved Occupation Type	Involved Occupation Type2
2021	Postal Worker	Postman
2021	Engineering	Civil engineer
2021	Power	Electrician
2021	Postal Worker	Post office employee
2021	Construction Industry	Builder
2021	Construction Industry	Plasterer
2021	Postal Worker	Counter staff
2021	Construction Industry	Builder
2022	Postal Worker	Post office employee
2022	Construction Industry	Road worker
2022	Construction Industry	Site agent
2022	Construction Industry	Tunneller
2021	Tradesman	Carpenter
2022	Postal Worker	Postman
2022	Postal Worker	Postman
2022	Tradesman	Window cleaner
2022	Construction Industry	Roofer
2022	Engineering	Technician
2022	Construction Industry	Building labourer
2022	Construction Industry	Builder
2022	Postal Worker	Postman
2023	Engineering	Technician
2023	Telecommunications	British telecom employee
2023	Power	Gas worker
2023	Postal Worker	Postman
2023	Construction Industry	Labourer
2023	Power	Electrician
2023	Construction Industry	Roofer
2023	Tradesman	Double glazer

2023	Tradesman	Joiner
2023	Postal Worker	Post office employee
2023	Construction Industry	Plasterer
2023	Postal Worker	Post office employee
2023	Construction Industry	Demolition worker
2023	Tradesman	Painter
2023	Tradesman	Carpet fitter
2023	Postal Worker	Postman
2023	Postal Worker	Postman
2023	Construction Industry	Builder
2023	Engineering	Fitter
2023	Construction Industry	Roofer
2023	Construction Industry	Roofer
2024	Construction Industry	Construction worker
2024	Engineering	Metal polisher
2024	Power	Electrician
2024	Construction Industry	Construction worker
2024	Construction Industry	Plasterer
2024	Construction Industry	Roofer
2024	Tradesman	Plumber
2024	Construction Industry	Labourer
2024	Construction Industry	Construction worker
2024	Construction Industry	Builder
2024	Construction Industry	Scaffolder
2024	Postal Worker	Postman
2024	Engineering	Fitter
2024	Tradesman	Plumber
2024	Tradesman	Furniture remover
2024	Construction Industry	Builder
2024	Construction Industry	Building labourer
2025	Power	Gas fitter
2025	Construction Industry	Builder
2025	Construction Industry	Building labourer
2025	Tradesman	Decorator
2025	Engineering	Welder

2025	Postal Worker	Postman
2025	Telecommunications	Linesman
2025	Construction Industry	Cavity wall insulator
2025	Construction Industry	Labourer
2025	Construction Industry	Building labourer
2025	Construction Industry	Labourer
2025	Engineering	Maintenance engineer
2025	Construction Industry	Building labourer
2026	Power	Electrician
2026	Construction Industry	Builder
2026	Construction Industry	Building labourer
2026	Construction Industry	Builder
2026	Construction Industry	Building labourer
2026	Engineering	Fitter
2026	Construction Industry	Site agent
2026	Construction Industry	Labourer

7. The number of dogs seized in connection with Dangerous Dogs Act offences.

July 2025 – December 2025 – 44

January 2026 – present - 29

8. The number of dogs destroyed in connection with Dangerous Dogs Act offences.

These are only the dogs that were seized then destroyed, there maybe one or two more that were disclaimed by the owners and immediately destroyed that weren't seized and brought to our attention.

July 2025 – December 2025 – 22

January 2026 – present - 13

9. Where recorded, the breed or suspected breed involved in the greatest number of recorded offences during the most recent year available.

XL Bully

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UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 10/09/2026