

Quarterly NSW Report

Dog attack incidents reported by all councils from 1 July 2021 to 30 September 2021 (1st Quarter 2021/22)

A dog attack can include any incident where a dog rushes at, attacks, bites, harasses or chases any person or animal (other than vermin), whether or not any injury is caused to the person or animal.
For more detailed information about dog attacks occurring in your area please contact your local council.

Total number of dog attack incidents reported to council in the 1st Quarter of 2021/22	1,220
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Number of victims	Adult	571
<i>Note: As a single attack may involve multiple victims the totals in this category may exceed the total number of reported attacks.</i>	Child (Child is up to 16 years)	130
	Dog	762
	Cat	56
	Livestock	211
	Other (animal)	85

Number of actions taken	Investigation - no action required	261
<i>Note:</i> - This information relates to action taken by councils following dog attack investigations. Where Police are the primary investigating body councils may not have access to all information about an attack or the outcome of investigations. In such cases councils generally record the type of action taken as "Police Action". - As councils may take multiple actions with regard to one attack the totals in this category may exceed the total number of reported attacks. - "Investigation - no action required" indicates that the attack has been reported and investigated by council, but no further action has been deemed necessary.	Dangerous dog declaration	52
	Infringements issued	287
	Seized & taken to pound	77
	Seized & returned to owner	6
	Police action	14
	Court action	1
	Dog destroyed	108
	Restricted dog declaration	0
	Menacing dog declaration	87
	Warning issued	256
	Investigation continuing	514
	Other	205

Number of injuries on people	No injury	300
<i>Note:</i> - As a single attack may involve multiple victims the totals category may exceed the total number of reported attacks.	Minor injury	214
	Medical treatment required	139
	Hospitalisation	46
	Death	2

Number of injuries on animals	No injury	305
Note:	Minor injury	225
- As a single attack may involve multiple victims the totals category may exceed the total number of reported attacks.	Medical treatment required	274
	Hospitalisation	58
	Death	248

Number of Attacking Dogs by Breed (Top 20)	Breed	Cross breed	
Note:	American Staffordshire Terrier		203
- Only the top 20 attacking dog breeds are reported.	Bull Terrier (Staffordshire)		123
- As a single attack may involve multiple attacking dogs the totals in this category may exceed the total number of reported attacks.	German Shepherd Dog		72
- These figures include attacks on people and animals.	Australian Cattle Dog		51
- If only one breed is displayed this indicates a pure bred dog.	Rottweiler		36
	Bull Terrier (Staffordshire)	Breed not identified	35
	Australian Kelpie		33
	Border Collie		33
	Siberian Husky		32
	American Staffordshire Terrier	Breed not identified	25
	Mastiff		21
	Labrador Retriever		19
	Bullmastiff		18
	Bullmastiff	Breed not identified	17
	Australian Cattle Dog	Breed not identified	14
	Boxer		14
	Mastiff	Breed not identified	13
	Australian Kelpie	Breed not identified	12
	Cane Corso		11
	Breed not identified	Breed not identified	233

Number of incidents involving 1 or more attacking dogs	1 Dog	979
	2 Dogs	206
	3 Dogs	26
	4 Dogs	6
	5 Dogs	1
	6 Dogs	1
	7 Dogs	1