

Quarterly NSW Report

Dog attack incidents reported by all councils from 1 January 2022 to 31 March 2022 (3rd 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 3rd Quarter of 2021/22

1,027

Number of victims

Note: As a single attack may involve multiple victims the totals in this category may exceed the total number of reported attacks.

Adult	539
Child (Child is up to 16 years)	76
Dog	564
Cat	69
Livestock	163
Other (animal)	110

Number of actions taken

Note:

- 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.

Investigation - no action required	208
Dangerous dog declaration	37
Infringements issued	230
Seized & taken to pound	66
Seized & returned to owner	4
Police action	12
Court action	2
Dog destroyed	69
Restricted dog declaration	2
Menacing dog declaration	67
Warning issued	230
Investigation continuing	460
Other	153

Number of injuries on people

Note:

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No injury	253
Minor injury	174
Medical treatment required	136
Hospitalisation	52
Death	0

Number of injuries on animals	No injury	254
Note:	Minor injury	178
- As a single attack may involve multiple victims the totals category may exceed the total number of reported attacks.	Medical treatment required	192
	Hospitalisation	51
	Death	231

Number of Attacking Dogs by Breed (Top 20)	Breed	Cross breed	
Note:	American Staffordshire Terrier		143
- Only the top 20 attacking dog breeds are reported.	Bull Terrier (Staffordshire)		75
- 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		58
- These figures include attacks on people and animals.	Australian Cattle Dog		49
- If only one breed is displayed this indicates a pure bred dog.	Rottweiler		39
	Siberian Husky		30
	Bull Terrier (Staffordshire)	Breed not identified	24
	Australian Kelpie		23
	Border Collie		19
	Bullmastiff	Breed not identified	18
	Bulldog (French)		17
	Jack Russell Terrier		17
	Labrador Retriever		17
	Bull Terrier		16
	Mastiff	Breed not identified	16
	American Staffordshire Terrier	Breed not identified	14
	Mastiff		13
	Australian Bulldog		12
	Bullmastiff		12
	Breed not identified	Breed not identified	212

Number of incidents involving 1 or more attacking dogs	1 Dog	807
	2 Dogs	194
	3 Dogs	19
	4 Dogs	4
	5 Dogs	1
	6 Dogs	2