

Quarterly NSW Report

Dog attack incidents reported by all councils from 1 April 2022 to 30 June 2022 (4th 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 4th Quarter of 2021/22

1,150

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	637
Child (Child is up to 16 years)	73
Dog	632
Cat	55
Livestock	191
Other (animal)	133

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	245
Dangerous dog declaration	47
Infringements issued	254
Seized & taken to pound	78
Seized & returned to owner	17
Police action	14
Court action	0
Dog destroyed	82
Restricted dog declaration	2
Menacing dog declaration	84
Warning issued	225
Investigation continuing	588
Other	188

Number of injuries on people

Note:
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No injury	330
Minor injury	189
Medical treatment required	143
Hospitalisation	48
Death	0

Number of injuries on animals		
	No injury	244
Note:	Minor injury	200
- As a single attack may involve multiple victims the totals category may exceed the total number of reported attacks.	Medical treatment required	227
	Hospitalisation	44
	Death	296

Number of Attacking Dogs by Breed (Top 20)		
	Breed	Cross breed
Note:	American Staffordshire Terrier	212
- Only the top 20 attacking dog breeds are reported.	Bull Terrier (Staffordshire)	103
- 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	63
- These figures include attacks on people and animals.	Australian Cattle Dog	61
- If only one breed is displayed this indicates a pure bred dog.	Bull Terrier (Staffordshire)	Breed not identified 37
	Rottweiler	37
	Siberian Husky	25
	American Staffordshire Terrier	Breed not identified 24
	Border Collie	21
	Australian Kelpie	18
	Labrador Retriever	18
	Bullmastiff	16
	Mastiff	16
	Great Dane	14
	Jack Russell Terrier	12
	Australian Cattle Dog	Breed not identified 11
	Bull Terrier (American)	11
	Bulldog (american)	11
	Irish Wolfhound	11
	Breed not identified	Breed not identified 270

Number of incidents involving 1 or more attacking dogs		
	1 Dog	865
	2 Dogs	256
	3 Dogs	26
	4 Dogs	1
	5 Dogs	1
	6 Dogs	1