

## Quarterly NSW Report

### Dog attack incidents reported by all councils from 1 January 2023 to 31 March 2023 (3rd Quarter 2022/23)

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 2022/23

1,163

#### 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	624
Child (Child is up to 16 years)	109
Dog	599
Cat	56
Livestock	142
Other (animal)	98

#### 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	246
Dangerous dog declaration	43
Infringements issued	287
Seized & taken to pound	60
Seized & returned to owner	17
Police action	4
Court action	1
Dog destroyed	87
Restricted dog declaration	0
Menacing dog declaration	76
Warning issued	199
Investigation continuing	540
Other	190

#### Number of injuries on people

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No injury	280
Minor injury	211
Medical treatment required	170
Hospitalisation	71
Death	1

**Number of injuries on animals**

No injury	237
Minor injury	207
Medical treatment required	189
Hospitalisation	43
Death	219

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**Number of Attacking Dogs by Breed (Top 20)**

Breed	Cross breed	
American Staffordshire Terrier		187
Bull Terrier (Staffordshire)		102
German Shepherd Dog		72
Australian Cattle Dog		54
Australian Kelpie		29
Rottweiler		28
Bull Terrier (Staffordshire)	Breed not identified	25
Siberian Husky		24
American Staffordshire Terrier	Breed not identified	22
Border Collie		22
Bullmastiff		18
Australian Kelpie	Breed not identified	17
Mastiff	Breed not identified	16
Bull Terrier		15
Bulldog (French)		14
Labrador Retriever		12
Boxer		11
Bulldog (american)		11
Great Dane		11
Breed not identified	Breed not identified	294

**Number of incidents involving 1 or more attacking dogs**

1 Dog	949
2 Dogs	177
3 Dogs	28
4 Dogs	5
5 Dogs	1
6 Dogs	1
7 Dogs	1
8 Dogs	1