

Quarterly NSW Report

Dog attack incidents reported by all councils from 1 April 2023 to 30 June 2023 (4th 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 4th Quarter of 2022/23		1,203
Number of victims	Adult	634
<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)	106
	Dog	636
	Cat	59
	Livestock	160
	Other (animal)	133
	Number of actions taken	Investigation - no action required
<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	59
	Infringements issued	297
	Seized & taken to pound	78
	Seized & returned to owner	16
	Police action	3
	Court action	3
	Dog destroyed	93
	Restricted dog declaration	2
	Menacing dog declaration	114
	Warning issued	175
	Investigation continuing	633
	Other	215
Number of injuries on people	No injury	333
<i>Note:</i> - As a single attack may involve multiple victims the totals category may exceed the total number of reported attacks.	Minor injury	192
	Medical treatment required	154
	Hospitalisation	61
	Death	0

Number of injuries on animals	No injury	242
Note:	Minor injury	202
- As a single attack may involve multiple victims the totals category may exceed the total number of reported attacks.	Medical treatment required	232
	Hospitalisation	69
	Death	242

Number of Attacking Dogs by Breed (Top 20)	Breed	Cross breed	
Note:	American Staffordshire Terrier		202
- Only the top 20 attacking dog breeds are reported.	Bull Terrier (Staffordshire)		121
- 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		81
- These figures include attacks on people and animals.	Rottweiler		50
- If only one breed is displayed this indicates a pure bred dog.	Australian Cattle Dog		36
	Australian Kelpie		34
	Border Collie		31
	American Staffordshire Terrier	Breed not identified	30
	Bull Terrier (Staffordshire)	Breed not identified	28
	Mastiff	Breed not identified	21
	Siberian Husky		20
	Australian Cattle Dog		15
	Bulldog (American)		15
	Mastiff		15
	Labrador Retriever		14
	Bull Terrier (English)		11
	Bull Terrier (American)		10
	Bullmastiff	Breed not identified	10
	Jack Russell Terrier		10
	Breed not identified	Breed not identified	320

Number of incidents involving 1 or more attacking dogs	1 Dog	916
	2 Dogs	245
	3 Dogs	29
	4 Dogs	11
	5 Dogs	2