

Quarterly NSW Report

Dog attack incidents reported by all councils from 1 July 2023 to 30 September 2023 (1st Quarter 2023/24)

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 2023/24

1,244

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	674
Child (Child is up to 16 years)	110
Dog	671
Cat	51
Livestock	204
Other (animal)	94

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	259
Dangerous dog declaration	82
Infringements issued	259
Seized & taken to pound	67
Seized & returned to owner	11
Police action	8
Court action	1
Dog destroyed	73
Restricted dog declaration	2
Menacing dog declaration	80
Warning issued	216
Investigation continuing	592
Other	266

Number of injuries on people

Note:

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No injury	361
Minor injury	197
Medical treatment required	158
Hospitalisation	68
Death	0

Number of injuries on animals	No injury	295
Note:	Minor injury	195
- As a single attack may involve multiple victims the totals category may exceed the total number of reported attacks.	Medical treatment required	232
	Hospitalisation	54
	Death	245

Number of Attacking Dogs by Breed (Top 20)

Note:

- Only the top 20 attacking dog breeds are reported.

- As a single attack may involve multiple attacking dogs the totals in this category may exceed the total number of reported attacks.

- These figures include attacks on people and animals.

- If only one breed is displayed this indicates a pure bred dog.

Breed	Cross breed	
American Staffordshire Terrier		207
Bull Terrier (Staffordshire)		116
German Shepherd Dog		54
Australian Cattle Dog		52
Siberian Husky		33
Rottweiler		31
Border Collie		30
Bull Terrier (Staffordshire)	Breed not identified	24
Australian Kelpie		23
Boxer		22
American Staffordshire Terrier	Breed not identified	19
Mastiff	Breed not identified	19
Jack Russell Terrier		17
Labrador Retriever		14
Mastiff		14
Australian Cattle Dog	Breed not identified	13
Bull Terrier		13
Irish Wolfhound		12
Bullmastiff		11
Breed not identified	Breed not identified	354

Number of incidents involving 1 or more attacking dogs

1 Dog	999
2 Dogs	207
3 Dogs	28
4 Dogs	5
5 Dogs	3
6 Dogs	1
7 Dogs	1