

Quarterly NSW Report

Dog attack incidents reported by all councils from 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023 (2nd 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 2nd Quarter of 2023/24	1,213
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Number of victims	Adult	702
<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)	108
	Dog	596
	Cat	55
	Livestock	156
	Other (animal)	87

Number of actions taken	Investigation - no action required	211
<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	45
	Infringements issued	255
	Seized & taken to pound	84
	Seized & returned to owner	5
	Police action	10
	Court action	0
	Dog destroyed	91
	Restricted dog declaration	4
	Menacing dog declaration	101
	Warning issued	189
	Investigation continuing	631
Other	205	

Number of injuries on people	No injury	325
<i>Note:</i> - As a single attack may involve multiple victims the totals category may exceed the total number of reported attacks.	Minor injury	219
	Medical treatment required	183
	Hospitalisation	83
	Death	0

Number of injuries on animals	No injury	231
Note:	Minor injury	155
- As a single attack may involve multiple victims the totals category may exceed the total number of reported attacks.	Medical treatment required	207
	Hospitalisation	55
	Death	248

Number of Attacking Dogs by Breed (Top 20)	Breed	Cross breed	
Note:	American Staffordshire Terrier		201
- Only the top 20 attacking dog breeds are reported.	Bull Terrier (Staffordshire)		83
- 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		79
- These figures include attacks on people and animals.	Australian Cattle Dog		54
- If only one breed is displayed this indicates a pure bred dog.	Rottweiler		45
	American Staffordshire Terrier	Breed not identified	30
	Australian Kelpie		26
	Border Collie		23
	Bull Terrier (Staffordshire)	Breed not identified	23
	Bulldog (French)		16
	Jack Russell Terrier		15
	Labrador Retriever		15
	Siberian Husky		15
	Boxer		14
	Mastiff	Breed not identified	14
	Bull Terrier		13
	Bull Terrier (American)		13
	Mastiff		13
	Australian Kelpie	Breed not identified	10
	Breed not identified	Breed not identified	320

Number of incidents involving 1 or more attacking dogs	1 Dog	950
	2 Dogs	236
	3 Dogs	20
	4 Dogs	4
	5 Dogs	1
	6 Dogs	2