

A. Whether your police force records dog attacks as a separate offence. (By dog attacks, I am referring to both dog-on-dog attacks, and dogs attacking humans).

Clarification: Point A does relate to Dog attacks – it should read: *Whether your police force records dog attacks as a separate offence. By dog attacks, I am referring to both dog-on-dog attacks, and dogs attacking humans.*

WMP only record S3 DDA 1991 offences where injury is caused to either a person or an assistance dog. Dog on dog attacks involving dogs other than assistance dogs are not crime recorded.

B. The number of dog attacks recorded by your police force in each of the years from 2017 to 2021.

Figures recorded for dog dangerously out of control injuring any person or assistance dog between 1st January and 31st December each year:

2017 - 629

2018 - 671

2019 - 773

2020 - 786

2021 - 975

C. The number of arrests made in relation to dog attacks by your force in each of the years from 2017 to 2021.

| <i>Number of arrests in relation to dangerous dog attacks</i> | | | | | | |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Offence | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | Total |
| Owner / person in charge of a dog dangerously out of control - no injury. | 5 | 1 | 3 | - | 2 | 11 |
| Owner / person in charge of dog dangerously out of control causing injury to assistance dog. | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Owner / person in charge of dog dangerously out of control causing injury. | 5 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 10 | 31 |
| Owner of a dog allow it to be dangerously out of control in public place and cause injury. | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |

D. How many dangerous dogs were seized by your force in each of the years from 2017 to 2021.

In relation to "seizures" for S1, S3 DDA 1991 offences - due to the way our system operates, we are unable to differentiate how many dogs were allowed to remain at home under the terms of the seizure matrix. These figures represent the number of dogs investigated for offences, and recorded on the system, but many will not have been removed from their location.

2017 – 311

2018 – 266

2019 – 363

2020 – 538

2021 – 630

E. How many dogs were destroyed in your force area each of the years from 2017 to 2021.

The below figures pertain to the following disposal options: court ordered destruction, destroyed at scene, disclaimed by the owner and destroyed or destroyed by agreement with the owner.

2017 – 140

2018 – 115

2019 – 111

2020 – 123

2021 – 141