

Request Reference: 1054A/23

**1. The number of dog attacks that have been recorded by your force? Please have this broken down annually, by breed and by any categorisation you might give for those attacks over the past 5 years.**

See following table. Please note, to provide information concerning breeds or categorisation would exceed the appropriate limit (FOIA, s.12). See covering letter for details.

TABLE 1 - Total 'dog attack' offences recorded 01 January 2018 to 05 July 2023\*:

Year	Total
2018	671
2019	761
2020	761
2021	975
2022	1,112
2023*	698
Grand Total	4,978

\* 2023 = Partial year to 05 July

**2. The number of dogs seized by your force (dogs that are out of control, aggressive, have attacked someone/an animal or are considered dangerous) over the past 5 years? Broken down annually, by your categorisation and by breed.**

See following tables. Please note, complete year data is only available from 2020 and in financial years (Apr-Mar). Additionally, to provide information concerning breeds or categorisation would exceed the appropriate limit (FOIA, s.12). See covering letter for details.

TABLE 2 – Total dogs seized under Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, Section 3:

Period	Total
01/04/2020 – 31/03/2021	194
01/04/2021 – 31/03/2022	436
01/04/2022 – 31/03/2023	486
01/04/2023 – 31/07/2023	159

**Q3. Has your force written to Central Government expressing concerns over the rise of attacks attributed to Bully XLs?**

No

**Q4. Is there anything you'd like to add about the views of your force when it comes to the rise of Bully XL attacks?**

Our interactions with this breed are increasing.