

Request Reference: 1638A/23**1. Could you kindly confirm whether your force records dog attacks, as per section 3 of the Dangerous Dogs Act (DDA), as distinct offences in accordance with the National Crime Recording Standard (NCRS)?**

Yes - Offences where dogs cause injury to humans or assistance dogs are recorded as a crime in accordance with national guidelines.

2. I would appreciate if you could provide a month-by-month breakdown of the number of attacks recorded from January 1, 2020, to the present date. The nearest month end data would be acceptable.

Table - Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in England or Wales (whether or not a public place) injuring any person or assistance dog:

Month	Year			
	2020	2021	2022	2023
Jan	63	64	86	78
Feb	45	51	61	89
Mar	50	81	75	110
Apr	52	86	118	112
May	70	84	119	143
Jun	68	110	107	145
Jul	74	101	109	141
Aug	89	96	108	127
Sep	84	83	95	120
Oct	51	79	78	120
Nov	56	78	77	
Dec	59	65	78	
Total	761	978	1,111	1,185

3. In the aftermath of these recorded attacks, could you provide information on the number of dogs that were seized and subsequently assessed?

Since January 2020 there have been more than 4,000 recorded Section 3 offences. 2,466 dogs encountered for Section 3 offences – 800 of these are resulted as non-seizure matrix applied, meaning 1,666 dogs have been seized. The dogs are seized as evidence of the offence, not for behavioural assessments to be conducted.

4. Furthermore, I am interested in knowing the number of dogs that were destroyed as a result of an attack. If possible, could you differentiate between those destroyed at the scene and those destroyed in kennels?

501 dogs were destroyed – two of those were performed by vet at scene.

5. Could you confirm how many of the dogs that were destroyed were done so at the discretion of their owners?

Exempt FOIA, s.12 - exceeds the appropriate limit (see covering letter for details).

6. I would also like to inquire whether your force records the breed, sex, and age of the dogs reported or seized. If so, could you please provide this information?

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7. Lastly, does your force record whether the dog was an intact male or a spayed female? If this information is available, I would be grateful if you could share it.

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