

Quarterly NSW Report

Dog attack incidents reported by all councils from 1 January 2017 to 31 March 2017 (3rd Quarter 2016/17)

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 3rd Quarter of 2016/17

1,092

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	521
Child (Child is up to 16 years)	79
Dog	515
Cat	77
Livestock	359
Other (animal)	127

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	240
Dangerous dog declaration	53
Infringements issued	285
Seized & taken to pound	118
Seized & returned to owner	23
Police action	22
Court action	2
Dog destroyed	150
Restricted dog declaration	3
Menacing dog declaration	82
Warning issued	281
Investigation continuing	374
Other	217

Number of injuries on people

Note:

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No injury	296
Minor injury	135
Medical treatment required	131
Hospitalisation	37
Death	0

Number of injuries on animals	No injury	218
Note:	Minor injury	163
- As a single attack may involve multiple victims the totals category may exceed the total number of reported attacks.	Medical treatment required	191
	Hospitalisation	55
	Death	393

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	
Bull Terrier (Staffordshire)		135
American Staffordshire Terrier		114
Australian Cattle Dog		71
German Shepherd Dog		44
Rottweiler		42
Bull Terrier (Staffordshire)	Breed not identified	37
Mastiff	Breed not identified	36
Australian Kelpie		22
Siberian Husky		21
Bullmastiff		20
Border Collie		18
Australian Cattle Dog	Breed not identified	16
Boxer		16
Jack Russell Terrier		16
Alaskan Malamute		15
Labrador Retriever		15
American Staffordshire Terrier	Breed not identified	14
Australian Bulldog		14
Great Dane		14
Breed not identified		212

Number of incidents involving 1 or more attacking dogs

1 Dog	802
2 Dogs	253
3 Dogs	25
4 Dogs	6
5 Dogs	1
6 Dogs	2
7 Dogs	2
10 Dogs	1