

Quarterly NSW Report

Dog attack incidents reported by all councils from 1 July 2022 to 30 September 2022 (1st Quarter 2022/23)

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 1st Quarter of 2022/23		1,280
Number of victims	Adult	644
<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)	93
	Dog	684
	Cat	74
	Livestock	223
	Other (animal)	146
Number of actions taken	Investigation - no action required	275
<i>Note:</i>	Dangerous dog declaration	96
<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".</i>	Infringements issued	402
<i>- As councils may take multiple actions with regard to one attack the totals in this category may exceed the total number of reported attacks.</i>	Seized & taken to pound	96
<i>- "Investigation - no action required" indicates that the attack has been reported and investigated by council, but no further action has been deemed necessary.</i>	Seized & returned to owner	12
	Police action	11
	Court action	4
	Dog destroyed	101
	Restricted dog declaration	1
	Menacing dog declaration	108
	Warning issued	292
	Investigation continuing	427
	Other	269
Number of injuries on people	No injury	300
<i>Note:</i>	Minor injury	214
<i>- As a single attack may involve multiple victims the totals category may exceed the total number of reported attacks.</i>	Medical treatment required	139
	Hospitalisation	46
	Death	0

Number of injuries on animals		
Note:		
- As a single attack may involve multiple victims the totals category may exceed the total number of reported attacks.	No injury	257
	Minor injury	239
	Medical treatment required	231
	Hospitalisation	54
	Death	346

Number of Attacking Dogs by Breed (Top 20)		
Note:	Breed	Cross breed
- Only the top 20 attacking dog breeds are reported.	American Staffordshire Terrier	243
- As a single attack may involve multiple attacking dogs the totals in this category may exceed the total number of reported attacks.	Bull Terrier (Staffordshire)	109
- These figures include attacks on people and animals.	German Shepherd Dog	74
- If only one breed is displayed this indicates a pure bred dog.	Australian Cattle Dog	66
	Rottweiler	39
	American Staffordshire Terrier	Breed not identified 38
	Bull Terrier (Staffordshire)	Breed not identified 32
	Siberian Husky	32
	Australian Kelpie	31
	Mastiff	Breed not identified 30
	Border Collie	27
	Mastiff	21
	Labrador Retriever	18
	Boxer	14
	Bull Terrier	14
	Bullmastiff	Breed not identified 14
	Bull Terrier (American)	13
	Bull Terrier (English)	13
	Greyhound	13
	Breed not identified	Breed not identified 273

Number of incidents involving 1 or more attacking dogs		
	1 Dog	1004
	2 Dogs	244
	3 Dogs	21
	4 Dogs	7
	5 Dogs	3
	6 Dogs	1