

Quarterly NSW Report

Dog attack incidents reported by all councils from 1 April 2024 to 30 June 2024 (4th Quarter 2023/24)

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 4th Quarter of 2023/24		1,295
Number of victims	Adult	701
<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)	92
	Dog	686
	Cat	69
	Livestock	262
	Other (animal)	102
Number of actions taken	Investigation - no action required	327
<i>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.</i>	Dangerous dog declaration	93
	Infringements issued	332
	Seized & taken to pound	87
	Seized & returned to owner	20
	Police action	4
	Court action	1
	Dog destroyed	136
	Restricted dog declaration	0
	Menacing dog declaration	115
	Warning issued	216
	Investigation continuing	551
	Other	261
	Number of injuries on people	No injury
<i>Note: - As a single attack may involve multiple victims the totals category may exceed the total number of reported attacks.</i>	Minor injury	229
	Medical treatment required	168
	Hospitalisation	69
	Death	0

Number of injuries on animals	No injury	263
Note:	Minor injury	214
- As a single attack may involve multiple victims the totals category may exceed the total number of reported attacks.	Medical treatment required	243
	Hospitalisation	69
	Death	330

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	
American Staffordshire Terrier		267
German Shepherd Dog		106
Bull Terrier (Staffordshire)		99
Australian Cattle Dog		58
Australian Kelpie		52
Rottweiler		52
Siberian Husky		31
Border Collie		28
American Staffordshire Terrier	Breed not identified	27
Bull Terrier (Staffordshire)	Breed not identified	27
Jack Russell Terrier		24
Boxer		18
Bullmastiff		18
Maremma Sheepdog		18
Bull Terrier		15
Mastiff		15
Labrador Retriever		14
Bullmastiff	Breed not identified	12
Great Dane		12
Breed not identified	Breed not identified	317

Number of incidents involving 1 or more attacking dogs

1 Dog	958
2 Dogs	285
3 Dogs	38
4 Dogs	11
5 Dogs	2
7 Dogs	1