

Quarterly NSW Report

Dog attack incidents reported by all councils from 1 January 2020 to 31 March 2020 (3rd Quarter 2019/20)

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 2019/20

1,121

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	562
Child (Child is up to 16 years)	95
Dog	554
Cat	77
Livestock	270
Other (animal)	96

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	225
Dangerous dog declaration	39
Infringements issued	299
Seized & taken to pound	82
Seized & returned to owner	8
Police action	7
Court action	0
Dog destroyed	80
Restricted dog declaration	2
Menacing dog declaration	63
Warning issued	301
Investigation continuing	462
Other	182

Number of injuries on people

Note:

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No injury	279
Minor injury	206
Medical treatment required	129
Hospitalisation	42
Death	1

Number of injuries on animals	No injury	240
Note:	Minor injury	204
- As a single attack may involve multiple victims the totals category may exceed the total number of reported attacks.	Medical treatment required	165
	Hospitalisation	55
	Death	302

Number of Attacking Dogs by Breed (Top 20)	Breed	Cross breed	
Note:	American Staffordshire Terrier		168
- Only the top 20 attacking dog breeds are reported.	Bull Terrier (Staffordshire)		119
- As a single attack may involve multiple attacking dogs the totals in this category may exceed the total number of reported attacks.	Australian Cattle Dog		63
- These figures include attacks on people and animals.	German Shepherd Dog		55
- If only one breed is displayed this indicates a pure bred dog.	Mastiff	Breed not identified	30
	Siberian Husky		30
	Border Collie		29
	Rottweiler		29
	American Staffordshire Terrier	Breed not identified	28
	Bull Terrier (Staffordshire)	Breed not identified	25
	Labrador Retriever		22
	Bullmastiff		21
	Australian Kelpie	Breed not identified	17
	Jack Russell Terrier		17
	Mastiff		17
	Australian Kelpie		16
	Boxer		16
	Bullmastiff	Breed not identified	15
	Bull Terrier		14
	Breed not identified	Breed not identified	249

Number of incidents involving 1 or more attacking dogs	1 Dog	846
	2 Dogs	233
	3 Dogs	33
	4 Dogs	6
	5 Dogs	3
	6 Dogs	0
	7 Dogs	0