

Quarterly NSW Report

Dog attack incidents reported by all councils from 1 January 2021 to 31 March 2021 (3rd Quarter 2020/21)

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 2020/21

1,206

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	580
Child (Child is up to 16 years)	81
Dog	691
Cat	72
Livestock	197
Other (animal)	101

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	286
Dangerous dog declaration	48
Infringements issued	345
Seized & taken to pound	79
Seized & returned to owner	13
Police action	8
Court action	0
Dog destroyed	77
Restricted dog declaration	5
Menacing dog declaration	117
Warning issued	288
Investigation continuing	461
Other	211

Number of injuries on people

Note:

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No injury	278
Minor injury	189
Medical treatment required	152
Hospitalisation	42
Death	0

Number of injuries on animals	No injury	277
Note:	Minor injury	235
- As a single attack may involve multiple victims the totals category may exceed the total number of reported attacks.	Medical treatment required	214
	Hospitalisation	68
	Death	268

Number of Attacking Dogs by Breed (Top 20)	Breed	Cross breed	
Note:	American Staffordshire Terrier		204
- Only the top 20 attacking dog breeds are reported.	Bull Terrier (Staffordshire)		100
- 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		70
- These figures include attacks on people and animals.	German Shepherd Dog		60
- If only one breed is displayed this indicates a pure bred dog.	Border Collie		37
	Australian Kelpie		35
	Bull Terrier (Staffordshire)	Breed not identified	33
	Rottweiler		32
	Great Dane		26
	Labrador Retriever		23
	American Staffordshire Terrier	Breed not identified	22
	Australian Kelpie	Breed not identified	22
	Siberian Husky		22
	Mastiff		18
	Bull Terrier (American)		17
	Greyhound		16
	Australian Cattle Dog	Breed not identified	15
	Bull Terrier		15
	Bullmastiff		15
	Breed not identified	Breed not identified	267

Number of incidents involving 1 or more attacking dogs	1 Dog	921
	2 Dogs	244
	3 Dogs	32
	4 Dogs	6
	5 Dogs	2
	6 Dogs	0
	7 Dogs	0
	9 Dogs	1