

Quarterly NSW Report

Dog attack incidents reported by all councils from 1 January 2024 to 31 March 2024 (3rd 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 3rd Quarter of 2023/24

1,236

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.

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| Adult | 687 |
| Child (Child is up to 16 years) | 121 |
| Dog | 624 |
| Cat | 58 |
| Livestock | 112 |
| Other (animal) | 110 |

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.

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| Investigation - no action required | 276 |
| Dangerous dog declaration | 52 |
| Infringements issued | 240 |
| Seized & taken to pound | 77 |
| Seized & returned to owner | 6 |
| Police action | 6 |
| Court action | 0 |
| Dog destroyed | 94 |
| Restricted dog declaration | 2 |
| Menacing dog declaration | 77 |
| Warning issued | 189 |
| Investigation continuing | 605 |
| Other | 188 |

Number of injuries on people

Note:

- As a single attack may involve multiple victims the totals category may exceed the total number of reported attacks.

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| No injury | 325 |
| Minor injury | 232 |
| Medical treatment required | 191 |
| Hospitalisation | 60 |
| Death | 0 |

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| Number of injuries on animals | No injury | 261 |
| Note: | Minor injury | 174 |
| - As a single attack may involve multiple victims the totals category may exceed the total number of reported attacks. | Medical treatment required | 190 |
| | Hospitalisation | 58 |
| | Death | 221 |

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| Number of Attacking Dogs by Breed (Top 20) | Breed | Cross breed | |
| Note: | American Staffordshire Terrier | | 223 |
| - Only the top 20 attacking dog breeds are reported. | Bull Terrier (Staffordshire) | | 76 |
| - 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 | | 74 |
| - These figures include attacks on people and animals. | German Shepherd Dog | | 67 |
| - If only one breed is displayed this indicates a pure bred dog. | Australian Kelpie | | 33 |
| | Rottweiler | | 33 |
| | Border Collie | | 27 |
| | Bull Terrier (Staffordshire) | Breed not identified | 23 |
| | American Staffordshire Terrier | Breed not identified | 22 |
| | Siberian Husky | | 21 |
| | Mastiff | | 18 |
| | Boxer | | 16 |
| | Labrador Retriever | | 16 |
| | Bulldog (American) | | 15 |
| | Jack Russell Terrier | | 15 |
| | Mastiff | Breed not identified | 14 |
| | Bulldog (French) | | 13 |
| | Australian Bulldog | | 11 |
| | Australian Kelpie | Breed not identified | 11 |
| | Breed not identified | Breed not identified | 312 |

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| Number of incidents involving 1 or more attacking dogs | 1 Dog | 999 |
| | 2 Dogs | 212 |
| | 3 Dogs | 19 |
| | 4 Dogs | 4 |
| | 5 Dogs | 2 |