

Quarterly NSW Report

Dog attack incidents reported by all councils from 1 July 2024 to 30 September 2024 (1st Quarter 2024/25)

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 2024/25

1,358

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	739
Child (Child is up to 16 years)	115
Dog	688
Cat	64
Livestock	235
Other (animal)	202

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	275
Dangerous dog declaration	80
Infringements issued	348
Seized & taken to pound	69
Seized & returned to owner	17
Police action	8
Court action	2
Dog destroyed	114
Restricted dog declaration	6
Menacing dog declaration	114
Warning issued	266
Investigation continuing	575
Other	286

Number of injuries on people

Note:

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No injury	353
Minor injury	235
Medical treatment required	197
Hospitalisation	69
Death	0

Number of injuries on animals	No injury	312
Note:	Minor injury	209
- As a single attack may involve multiple victims the totals category may exceed the total number of reported attacks.	Medical treatment required	212
	Hospitalisation	72
	Death	383

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		243
Bull Terrier (Staffordshire)		102
German Shepherd Dog		92
Australian Cattle Dog		84
Labrador Retriever		36
Rottweiler		36
Australian Kelpie		33
Siberian Husky		33
Bull Terrier (Staffordshire)	Breed not identified	32
Border Collie		24
Mastiff	Breed not identified	20
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American Staffordshire Terrier	Breed not identified	19
Bull Terrier (American)		19
Jack Russell Terrier		19
Australian Cattle Dog	Breed not identified	14
Boxer		14
Bulldog (American)		14
Bullmastiff	Breed not identified	14
Breed not identified	Breed not identified	328

Number of incidents involving 1 or more attacking dogs

1 Dog	1058
2 Dogs	253
3 Dogs	31
4 Dogs	10
5 Dogs	3
6 Dogs	1
7 Dogs	1
8 Dogs	1