

Quarterly NSW Report

Dog attack incidents reported by all councils from 1 October 2024 to 31 December 2024 (2nd 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 2nd Quarter of 2024/25		1,202
Number of victims	Adult	697
<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)	133
	Dog	600
	Cat	68
	Livestock	117
	Other (animal)	101
Number of actions taken	Investigation - no action required	205
<i>Note:</i> - 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.	Dangerous dog declaration	66
	Infringements issued	263
	Seized & taken to pound	73
	Seized & returned to owner	15
	Police action	7
	Court action	0
	Dog destroyed	86
	Restricted dog declaration	3
	Menacing dog declaration	106
	Warning issued	177
	Investigation continuing	629
Other	192	
Number of injuries on people	No injury	308
<i>Note:</i> - As a single attack may involve multiple victims the totals category may exceed the total number of reported attacks.	Minor injury	282
	Medical treatment required	164
	Hospitalisation	76
	Death	0

Number of injuries on animals		
	No injury	254
	Minor injury	178
	Medical treatment required	165
	Hospitalisation	59
	Death	235

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Number of Attacking Dogs by Breed (Top 20)		
	Breed	Cross breed
	American Staffordshire Terrier	208
	Bull Terrier (Staffordshire)	83
	German Shepherd Dog	81
	Australian Cattle Dog	49
	Australian Kelpie	28
	Border Collie	23
	Rottweiler	23
	American Staffordshire Terrier	Breed not identified 19
	Bull Terrier (Staffordshire)	Breed not identified 19
	Bullmastiff	19
	Siberian Husky	19
	Bulldog (American)	15
	Bull Terrier	13
	Bull Terrier (English)	13
	Irish Wolfhound	13
	Mastiff	Breed not identified 13
	Dachshund (Miniature Smooth Haired)	11
	German Shorthaired Pointer	11
	Australian Bulldog	10
	Breed not identified	Breed not identified 348

Number of incidents involving 1 or more attacking dogs		
	1 Dog	945
	2 Dogs	223
	3 Dogs	26
	4 Dogs	5
	5 Dogs	1
	6 Dogs	1
	8 Dogs	1
	9 Dogs	1