

Quarterly NSW Report

Dog attack incidents reported by all councils from 1 January 2019 to 31 March 2019 (3rd Quarter 2018/19)

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 2018/19

1,242

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	577
Child (Child is up to 16 years)	95
Dog	621
Cat	93
Livestock	254
Other (animal)	203

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	57
Infringements issued	345
Seized & taken to pound	143
Seized & returned to owner	24
Police action	9
Court action	6
Dog destroyed	154
Restricted dog declaration	1
Menacing dog declaration	95
Warning issued	306
Investigation continuing	439
Other	247

Number of injuries on people

Note:

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No injury	275
Minor injury	202
Medical treatment required	137
Hospitalisation	58
Death	0

Number of injuries on animals	No injury	213
Note:	Minor injury	210
- As a single attack may involve multiple victims the totals category may exceed the total number of reported attacks.	Medical treatment required	228
	Hospitalisation	65
	Death	421

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		176
Bull Terrier (Staffordshire)		127
Australian Cattle Dog		78
German Shepherd Dog		62
Bull Terrier (Staffordshire)	Breed not identified	43
Rottweiler		39
American Staffordshire Terrier	Breed not identified	29
Australian Kelpie		28
Australian Kelpie	Breed not identified	25
Border Collie		25
Siberian Husky		24
Bull Terrier		22
Mastiff	Breed not identified	19
Mastiff		19
Bullmastiff	Breed not identified	18
Labrador Retriever		18
Australian Cattle Dog	Breed not identified	16
Bull Terrier (American)		14
Bull Terrier (English)		14
Breed not identified	Breed not identified	284

Number of incidents involving 1 or more attacking dogs	1 Dog	897
	2 Dogs	298
	3 Dogs	38
	4 Dogs	8
	5 Dogs	1