

WILTSHIRE POLICE



XXXXXXX
By email

**Force Disclosure Unit
Police Headquarters**
London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date 4th May 2023

Our Ref FOI 2023-468

Dear XXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20th April 2023, concerning dog attacks.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Following receipt of your request, research was conducted by the Business Intelligence department and the Dogs Section at Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote and our response:

Q1: Please can you provide the number of reported dog attacks in your force area in 2022.

Q2: Please can you provide the number of reported dog attacks in your force area for every year since 2010?

Reported Year	Offence Description	Crimes	Non Crime incidents
2010	In charge of a dog out of control causing injury in Non Public Place	2	1
	In charge of dog out of control in ANY place injuring any person or assistance dog	26	2
2011	In charge of a dog out of control causing injury in Non Public Place	1	0
	In charge of dog out of control in ANY place injuring any person or assistance dog	20	0
2012	In charge of a dog out of control causing injury in Non Public Place	4	0
	In charge of dog out of control in ANY place injuring any person or assistance dog	34	0
2013	In charge of a dog out of control causing injury in Non Public Place	1	0

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	In charge of dog out of control in ANY place injuring any person or assistance dog	31	0
2014	In charge of dog out of control in ANY place injuring any person or assistance dog	21	0
2015	In charge of dog out of control in ANY place injuring any person or assistance dog	181	5
2016	In charge of dog out of control in ANY place injuring any person or assistance dog	230	16
2017	In charge of dog out of control in ANY place injuring any person or assistance dog	250	14
2018	In charge of dog out of control in ANY place injuring any person or assistance dog	255	15
2019	In charge of dog out of control in ANY place injuring any person or assistance dog	282	20
2020	In charge of dog out of control in ANY place injuring any person or assistance dog	293	16
2021	In charge of dog out of control in ANY place injuring any person or assistance dog	355	23
	Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in E&W (whether or not in public place) injuring any person or assistance dog	0	1
2022	In charge of dog out of control in ANY place injuring any person or assistance dog	141	12
	Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in E&W (whether or not in public place) injuring any person or assistance dog	252	32
2023 (up to end April)	Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in E&W (whether or not in public place) injuring any person or assistance dog	111	9

Q3: Could you provide me the number of dogs a) seized b) destroyed by your force under the 1991 Dangerous Dogs Act in 2022.

Q4: Please can you provide me with the number of dogs a) seized and b) destroyed for every year since 2010?

Please note: The Dogs Section records only go back to 2012.

Year	Dogs Seized	Put to Sleep
2012	1	0
2013	36	7
2014	24	7
2015	18	5
2016	17	2
2017	13	6
2018	7	2
2019	15	2
2020	15	7
2021	26	5
2022	23	3
2023 (up to 03.05.2023)	7	1

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and been considered in the light of your request within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.

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Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely,

Abigail Standidge

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Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.



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Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Wiltshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing to the:

Force Disclosure Unit
Wiltshire Police Headquarters,
London Road, Devizes,
Wiltshire,
SN10 2DN

Email at disclosure@wiltshire.police.uk.

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Force Disclosure Unit within 20 working days of the Force's response to the original Fol request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing to include confirmation of the reasons for the review. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker, who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Force Disclosure Unit will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The Independent Decision Maker will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Decision Maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Please note that the ICO's offices will be closed for the foreseeable future and are therefore unable to receive correspondence via post.

If you should wish to contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

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