



# WILTSHIRE POLICE

## Force Disclosure Unit

Police Headquarters  
London Road  
DEVIZES  
Wiltshire  
SN10 2DN

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Ref: FOI 2023/883

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023 concerning the Dangerous Dogs Act.

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.

Your request for information has now been considered and after having consulted our Performance Team – I am now able to respond as follows.

### You wrote:

1. How many reports of crime violating the Dangerous Dogs Act were reported in the past four calendar years (2019-2022)?
2. How many of these resulted in a charge?
3. How many resulted in successful prosecution?

Please break down by calendar year.

### Our response:

1. Please see the table below for more information.

Reported Year	Offence Description	Crimes
2019	In charge of dog out of control in ANY place injuring any person or assistance dog	282
2020	In charge of dog out of control in ANY place injuring any person or assistance dog	293
2021	In charge of dog out of control in ANY place injuring any person or assistance dog	355

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<b>2022</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>393</b>
2022	In charge of dog out of control in ANY place injuring any person or assistance dog	141
2022	Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in England & Wales (whether or not in public place) injuring any person or assistance dog	252

2. Please see the table below for more information.

<b>Reported Year</b>	<b>Offence Description</b>	<b>Charged</b>
2019	In charge of dog out of control in ANY place injuring any person or assistance dog	8
2020	In charge of dog out of control in ANY place injuring any person or assistance dog	14
2021	In charge of dog out of control in ANY place injuring any person or assistance dog	14
<b>2022</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>9</b>
2022	In charge of dog out of control in ANY place injuring any person or assistance dog	3
2022	Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in England & Wales (whether or not in public place) injuring any person or assistance dog	6

**Caveat:**

Please note, that the data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of unpublished data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.

3. We do not hold prosecution data so therefore, I would suggest that you direct this part of your request to the Crown Prosecution Service.

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.

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

Yours sincerely,

Force Disclosure Decision Maker

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



## Force Disclosure Unit

Wiltshire Police HQ, London Road, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 2DN  
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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](mailto: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 FOI 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.

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#### **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](mailto:mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk)