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Our ref: FOI 2023/1076

Reply contact name:

Dear

I write in connection with your request for information dated 8th November 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 at Wiltshire Police.

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

You wrote:

The number of reported dog attacks (owner or person in charge allowing a dog to be dangerously out of control) in the force area in **each** of the following time periods:

- January 1 to October 31 2019
- January 1 to October 31 2020
- January 1 to October 31 2021
- January 1 to October 31 2022
- January 1 to October 31 2023

Response:

Please see table below.

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Reported Year	Offence Description	Crimes	Non Crime Incidents	Total
2019	In charge of dog out of control in ANY place injuring any person or assistance dog	247	19	266
2020	In charge of dog out of control in ANY place injuring any person or assistance dog	236	15	251
2021	In charge of dog out of control in ANY place injuring any person or assistance dog	281	18	299
	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	1
2022	In charge of dog out of control in ANY place injuring any person or assistance dog	141	12	153
	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	221	27	248
2023	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	347	27	374

Data is from Jan-Oct for the relevant years

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