

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Via Email



Police Headquarters

London Road
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Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 28/05/2025

Our ref: FOI 2025/408

Reply contact name:

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15/04/2025 concerning out of control dogs.

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 I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

1. The number of offences of out-of-control dogs causing injury to a person in the last three years (Between April 6th and April 5th 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25). Broken down by year, number of offences, breed of dog, severity of injury and police outcome.

2. The number of dogs seized in the last three years - Broken down by year, by breed and by reason for seizure.

2a) The number of dogs destroyed in the last three years - broken down by year, by breed and reason for destruction.

Response:

Question 1: Please note

- the data is based on the offence: Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in England and Wales (whether or not in a public place) injuring any person or assistance dog
- there is no field to capture the breed of dog, so to ascertain this all reports would need to be read which would exceed the 18hrs time limit resulting in a S12 response

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- the offence is for all occurrences where an injury has been caused, but the Victim Injury field is not mandatory, so not all occurrences have a record of whether the injury was slight or severe. The data is given where this has been captured.

Distinct Count of Occ No	2022			2023			2024			2025		
	Not Recorded	Serious	Slight	Not Recorded	Serious	Slight	Not Recorded	Serious	Slight	Not Recorded	Serious	Slight
1: Charged			1									
1: Summoned / postal requisition	1		4	1	1	6	1	1	3			
10: Police - formal action not in public interest	2		1									
14: Victim declines / unable to support action to identify offender	3		10	3		9	10		11		1	3
15: CPS - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties						1						
15: Police - named suspect, victim supports but evidential difficulties	25	4	107	17		77	14		33	2		2
16: Victim declines / withdraws support - named suspect identified	20	3	42	11	3	66	14	1	65	1	1	3

18: Investigation complete no suspect identified	12	1	42	30	2	59	59	1	61	14		7
1A: Alternate offence summonsed / postal requisition	1		1	1					1			
20: Other body / agency has investigation primacy	3		15	8		29	6		12			2
21: Police - named suspect, investigation not in the public interest			2	1			2		4			3
22: Diversionary, educational or intervention activity, resulting from crime reports, has been undertaken and is not in the public interest to take any further action.			1									
3: Adult conditional caution							3		4			
8: Community resolution			4	9		39	12	3	90			8
Currently Under Investigation		1		1			4	1	5	13	3	25

Question 2: Please note

- This data is taken from the Specialist Ops app so the dog breed is available
- the reason for seizure is taken from the Act or Section invoked

	2022					
Distinct Count of Dangerous Dog Database Id	Animal Welfare Act 2006	Other	Poaching/Coarsing	Sec 1 Banned Breed	Sec 3 Dangerously Out Of Control	Sec 3 Dangerously Out Of Control, Sec 1 Banned Breed
AKITA						
AM BULLY						
American Bulldog					1	
American Pitbull Terrier				4		1
Border Collie					1	
Crossbreed						
English Bull Terrier						
German Shepherd Dog						
Greyhound /Lurcher/ Whippet		1	2			
Jack Russell Terrier						
Other Breed	1			2	6	
Pocket BULLY						
Rottweiler						

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Staffordshire Bull Terrier					2	
XL BULLY						
XL BULLY / AM BULLY						

	2023				
Distinct Count of Dangerous Dog Database Id	Animal Welfare Act 2006	Other	Poaching/Coarsing	Sec 1 Banned Breed	Sec 3 Dangerously Out Of Control
AKITA					
AM BULLY					
American Bulldog					1
American Pitbull Terrier		1		1	1
Border Collie	1				
Crossbreed					3
English Bull Terrier		2			
German Shepherd Dog	2				2
Greyhound/Lurcher/Whippet			2		
Jack Russell Terrier					
Other Breed		2			6
Pocket BULLY					
Rottweiler		1			

Staffordshire Bull Terrier		1			
XL BULLY					
XL BULLY / AM BULLY					3

	2024							
Distinct Count of Dangerous Dog Database Id	Animal Welfare Act 2006	Animal Welfare Act 2006,Sec 1 Banned Breed	Poaching/Coarsing	Sec 1 Banned Breed	Sec 1 Banned Breed,Not of type	Sec 1 Banned Breed,Sec 3 Dangerously Out Of Control	Sec 3 Dangerously Out Of Control	Sec 3 Dangerously Out Of Control,Animal Welfare Act 2006
AKITA							1	
AM BULLY								
American Bulldog	1							
American Pitbull Terrier				8		1	1	
Border Collie								
Crossbreed		1		1			3	
English Bull Terrier							1	
German Shepherd Dog							2	
Greyhound/Lurcher/Whippet								

Jack Russell Terrier							1	
Other Breed	1		1	5	1		3	1
Pocket BULLY							1	
Rottweiler	1						1	
Staffordshire Bull Terrier	1						3	
XL BULLY				25		6		
XL BULLY / AM BULLY							1	

	2025			
Distinct Count of Dangerous Dog Database Id	Animal Welfare Act 2006	Sec 1 Banned Breed	Sec 1 Banned Breed, Sec 3 Dangerously Out Of Control	Sec 3 Dangerously Out Of Control
AKITA				
AM BULLY		2		
American Bulldog				1
American Pitbull Terrier		2		
Border Collie				
Crossbreed				
English Bull Terrier				
German Shepherd Dog				

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Greyhound/Lurcher/Whippet				
Jack Russell Terrier				
Other Breed	1			1
Pocket BULLY				1
Rottweiler				
Staffordshire Bull Terrier				
XL BULLY		4	2	
XL BULLY / AM BULLY				

Question 2a: Please note

- this data is taken from the Specialist Ops app so the dog breed is available

	2022			2023				2024				2025	
Distinct Count of Dangerous Dog Database Id	Destruction Order by Court	Died/PTS in whilst in kennels	Disclaimed by Owner PTS	Destruction Order by Court	Disclaimed by Owner PTS	PTS By owner	PTS Council Stray	Destruction Order by Court	Died/PTS in whilst in kennels	Disclaimed by Owner PTS	PTS By owner	Died/PTS in whilst in kennels	Disclaimed by Owner PTS
American Bulldog			1	1									
American Pitbull Terrier	1	1	1				1			1			
Crossbreed					2					1			
English Bull Terrier						2							
German Shepherd Dog										1			
Other Breed		1	2		1	1							
Pocket BULLY													1

Staffordshire Bull Terrier						1				2			
XL BULLY								2	1	4		1	
XL BULLY / AM BULLY					1						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.

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



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 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.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

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