

30th October 2023

Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 23.010184

Thank you for your request for recorded data held by South Yorkshire Police.

Request

1. For the period from 1 July 2021 to 1 July 2022, how many reports were received of an owner or person in charge allowing a dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in England and Wales, injuring any person or assistance dog?
2. For the period from 1 July 2021 to 1 July 2022, how many dogs have been detained under the Dangerous Dogs Act?
3. For the period from 1 July 2021 to 1 July 2022, how many dogs have been destroyed under the Dangerous Dogs Act?
4. For the period from 1 July 2022 to 1 July 2023, how many reports were received of an owner or person in charge allowing a dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in England and Wales, injuring any person or assistance dog?
5. For the period from 1 July 2022 to 1 July 2023, how many dogs have been detained under the Dangerous Dogs Act?
6. For the period from 1 July 2022 to 1 July 2023, how many dogs have been destroyed under the Dangerous Dogs Act?

Response

I approached our Crime Management Data Returns Administrator for assistance with your request. The Connect System is used to record complaints or allegations of those matters, which the Home Office specify should be recorded as 'crime'. All our systems are designed and used first and foremost for Policing Purposes and have limited search capability.

They provided me with the below table of data for Q 1 and Q4 and the following explanation of their search criteria:

I've provided a count of the offence HO Classification 008/21 recorded on CONNECT Crime for the periods 01-JUL-2021 to 01-JUL-2022 and 01-JUL-2022 to 01-JUL-2023.

OBI Criteria used –

AND	SYP & crime only filter
AND	HO Classification is equal to / is in 008/21

CONNECT is a live recording system.

South Yorkshire Police

In an emergency: 999

Non-emergency: 101

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Full Offence Title	01/07/2021 to 01/07/2022	01/07/2022 to 01/07/2023



Attempted - Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in England or Wales (whether or not a public place) injuring any person or assistance dog	2	1
Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in England or Wales (whether or not a public place) injuring any person or assistance dog	679	823

The data for the following questions is recorded on a separate system. An administrator has provided the following:

Q2 – 219

Q3 – 84

Q5 – 358

Q6 - 165

Police forces do not use generic systems or identical procedures for capturing the data. For these reasons this response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with responses you may receive from other police forces.