| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information ResponseOur reference: FOI 25-1432Responded to: 29 May 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**How many attacks by dogs have been reported to Police Scotland in each year since 1999, broken down by local authority area.**

Unfortunately, I estimate that it would cost well in excess of the current FOI cost threshold of £600 to process your request. I am therefore refusing to provide the information sought in terms of section 12(1) of the Act - Excessive Cost of Compliance.

To explain, there is no incident or crime classification for “dog attacks”, therefore a manual trawl of all incidents for the time period would be required.

Additionally, under our [Record Retention](https://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/policies-and-procedures/standard-operating-procedures/standard-operating-procedures-p-s/) policy, information prior to 2013 will no longer be held. Therefore, some of the information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

To be of some assistance, data for all “Dangerous Dog” crimes/offences is available online at [Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/) .

If you require any further assistance, please contact us quoting the reference above.

You can request a review of this response within the next 40 working days by email or by letter (Information Management - FOI, Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH). Requests must include the reason for your dissatisfaction.

If you remain dissatisfied following our review response, you can appeal to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner (OSIC) within 6 months - [online](https://www.foi.scot/appeal), by email or by letter (OSIC, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, KY16 9DS).

Following an OSIC appeal, you can appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

This response will be added to our [Disclosure Log](http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log) in seven days' time.

Every effort has been taken to ensure our response is as accessible as possible. If you require this response to be provided in an alternative format, please let us know.