| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-2370  Responded to: 08 August 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**How many dog attacks were recorded in Scotland in the last 3 recent years on record?**

**How many dog attacks have been recorded in Stirlingshire/Forth valley area?**

**Of those attacks how many had the breed recorded and the most common breed?**

**How many attacks were aggravated and caused serious injury to a person?**

**I received a level 4 bite (Dunbar scale) so I am keen to find out what the sentence was for equivalent severity level of attacks.**

**How many aggravated attacks resulted in a destruction order?**

**How many resulted in a contingent destruction order?**

**How many resulted in human death?**

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 neither an incident nor crime classification code for 'dog attacks' specifically – incidents of this nature would be logged as an 'animal' incident or a 'dangerous dogs' offence - both of which cover a variety of scenarios. In order to assess the incidents/crimes for relevance we would have to be individually review each incident/crime report.

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](mailto:foi@scotland.police.uk) 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](mailto:enquiries@foi.scot) 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.