| Police Scotland logo | Freedom of Information Response Our reference: FOI 25-2235  Responded to: 29 July 2025 |
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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

**How many attacks on people have there been by dogs in the community?**

**How did these incidents arise?**

**Which breeds were involved in the attacks?**

**What happened to the dogs after the attacks?**

**What injuries were sustained in the incidents?**

**Were both children and adults targeted?**

In relation to the above, 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, all “Animal” incident reports would need to be manually assessed for relevance. Even considering “Dangerous Dog” offences, each individual crime report would need to be reviewed to establish if any related to dog attacks on human(s).

**In what ways are you getting the message about keeping dogs under control over?**

**Are you working with other agencies in that regard?**

**Do people seem to be getting the message about this problem?**

As you may be aware, the Act provides a right of access to recorded information only.  Questions seeking the creation of comment or opinion in relation to a particular query, are not therefore valid in terms of [section 8 of the Act](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2002/13/section/8).

The information sought is not held by Police Scotland and section 17 of the Act therefore applies.

To be of some assistance, the following article may be relevant to your enquiry:

[Police given funding for dog control measures | Scottish Legal News](https://www.scottishlegal.com/articles/police-given-funding-for-dog-control-measures)

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.