

Our Ref: IM-FOI-2022-2155
Date: 1st November 2022



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

Please disclose the number of recorded reports of dogs causing injury to people* for each of the previous five financial years (22/21, 21/20, 20/19, 19/18, 18/17).

If retrievable, for each report, please record the outcome.

For definitional purposes

To define 'reports of dogs causing injury to people' please only include the following two offences.

- **Owner of a dog allowing it to be dangerously out of control in public place and cause injury (Home Office Code - 008/21)**
- **Dog causing injury in a private place (Home Office Code – 008/22)**

Please be advised that crimes in Scotland are recorded in accordance with the Scottish Government Justice Department offence classification codes.

Home Office Crime Classifications do not extend to Scotland, nor do the outcome classifications listed.

As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

To be of some assistance, you may be interested in a previous FOI response – IM-2022-1890 – which provides statistics on dog related crime classifications:-

[22-1890 - Crime Stats - Dangerous dogs - council area - 2017 TD - Police Scotland](#)

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management Dundee, quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions. Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to

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foi@scotland.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.