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Your recent request for information is replicated below, together with our response.

## I would like to know the number of dog related offences for the calendar year 2022, under the code 008/21.

## Can you supply information or data breakdowns regarding the relationship between the victim(s) of the attack and the owner of the dog in question? E.g. family member / sibling / stranger?

In response to your request, I must first of all advise you that 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.

By way of explanation, crimes in Scotland are recorded in accordance with the Scottish Government Justice Department offence classification codes and Home Office classifications are not used in Scotland.

The 008/21 offence is “owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in England or Wales (whether or not it is a public place) injuring a person or assistance dog”. There is no equivalent Scottish offence that could be searched upon. The most relevant offence is “Dangerous Dog Offences” which encompasses all types of offence.

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](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal), by [email](mailto:enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info) 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.