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Our reference: FOI_2023.0922

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.0922

On 20/09/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

1. Please could you provide me with the number of reports of dog attacks (i.e. owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control within your County (whether or not in a public place) injuring any person or assistance dog).
2. Please can you provide the number of reported incidents FROM January 2010 to present date.
3. Can you confirm the number deaths related to dog attacks.
4. Please can you provide a breakdown of the figure for each time period by recorded outcomes (e.g. number of Charge/Summons, Community Resolution etc).
5. can you positively confirm the breed of dogs involved in dog attacks;
6. can you positively confirm the breed of dogs involved in dog attacks that lead to a persons death.
7. Can you confirm who assessed these dogs were XL Bullies and what criteria they used to do so.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons the figures given relate to information from the specific recording system of Gloucestershire Constabulary and should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you receive.

Please note that our systems are designed to record information for policing purposes and the investigation of crime and not to extract statistical information. Accordingly whilst we

endeavour to extract relevant data within the time limits of the Act, any data supplied is subject to these limitations.

1 &2. A search of the Crime Recording System has been carried out for all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2010 – 19/09/2023, where the offence is “008/21 - Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in any place in England and Wales (whether or not in a public place) injuring any person or assistance dog”

I can confirm that 2,118 records have been identified. The below table provides a breakdown of the totals by calendar year.

Year	Total
2010	55
2011	57
2012	57
2013	71
2014	110
2015	144
2016	145
2017	173
2018	163
2019	204
2020	206
2021	199
2022	258
2023	276
Total	2118

3. 0 human deaths

4. Please see the attached PDF Table for the breakdown of the outcomes.

5. Where recorded, the breed of dog has been provided in the table below

Breed	TOTAL
Alsatian	1
Bull Terrier	1
Dachshund Smooth	1
Dog	1
Other Small	2

Other Medium	2
Other Large	1
Retriever Curly	1
Spaniel Cocker	1
Terrier Yorkshire	1

6 & 7. N/A

If you are not satisfied with this response or any actions taken in dealing with your request, you have the right to ask that we review your case under our internal procedure. Please note that a request for an internal review must be made within 20 working days of the response to your original request.

If you decide to request that such a review is undertaken and following this process you are still unsatisfied, you then have the right to direct your complaint to the Information Commissioner for consideration.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following means:

Website - <https://ico.org.uk/>

Call their helpline - 0303 123 1113

Email - casework@ico.org.uk

Post –

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

Disclosure Officer
Gloucestershire Constabulary

Outcomes	Year														Total
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Adult Caution					2	1	2			1	1	1			8
Adult Conditional Caution							1	1		2			3	1	8
Adult Diversionary												2	3	1	6
Det Caution	1			2											3
Det Charge / Summons	5	11	10	13	26	20	9	9	7	19	5	15	8	1	158
Det NFA Community Resolution	26	24	20	19								2	8	40	139
Det NFA IP Declines/Unable Prosecute									1						1
Det NFA No Useful Purpose					3	2			3	1		1		3	13
Det NFA Offender Dead											1				1
Det NFA Time Limit Expired								1							1
Further Investigation Not In Public Interest							1	9	15	29	25	8	1		88
Investigation Complete - No Suspect			1		14	25	36	41	39	47	45	31	48	67	394
IP Does Not Support - No Suspect				1	4	9	15	16	16	19	15	14	24	29	162
IP Does Not Support - Suspect Identified					36	63	62	71	61	71	86	96	97	62	705
IP Supports - Suspect Identified				1	6	5	10	16	15	10	11	15	25	14	128
Other Force Agency						1			1		5	1		1	9
Restorative Disposal		1		7											8
Restorative Disposal Level 1					18	17	9	9	5	5	11	11	35	14	134
Restorative Disposal Level 2					1	1					1	1			4
Undetected	23	21	26	28								1	6	42	147
Youth Diversionary														1	1
Total	55	57	57	71	110	144	145	173	163	204	206	199	258	276	2118