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Our reference: FOI_25_0005

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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0005

On 05/01/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please provide, for each year from 2019 to 2025, the number of times your force recorded the offence of an 'out of control dog causing injury' (008/21).

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.

A search of the Crime Recording System has been conducted for all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2019 and 31/12/2025 where the 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 a public place) injuring any person or assistance dog"
Please see the table below for the results.

Month/Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Jan	8	11	20	12	28	29	17	125
Feb	15	11	11	14	28	24	21	124
Mar	14	10	16	29	30	32	32	163
Apr	13	13	18	19	32	29	43	167
May	15	22	13	19	31	31	37	168
Jun	23	24	23	21	49	34	34	208
Jul	19	20	18	19	19	37	41	173
Aug	24	29	10	33	37	33	26	192
Sep	17	23	25	32	28	26	23	174
Oct	24	16	21	22	27	24	34	168
Nov	15	10	13	21	31	23	20	133
Dec	17	17	11	17	28	24	22	136
Total	204	206	199	258	368	346	350	1931

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
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Yours sincerely,

Disclosure Officer
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