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

## I am aiming to answer this question:

## “How effective is the Dangerous Dog Act (1991) and Breed Specific Legislation, at reducing dog attacks leading to hospitalisation within the UK?”

## Below are a number of questions I believe will help to provide me with the information and data I will need:

## Since 2019 how many dog attacks have been reported each year?

## What breeds have been recorded as being responsible for attacks reported?

## How many reported attacks on humans have been recorded since 2019?

## How many reports of dog attacks since 2019 have involved a XL bully breed?

## How many reports since 2024 have involved an XL bully type breed?

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.

By way of explanation, crimes involving dogs are recorded under Dangerous Dog crime classifications. To establish the breed of dog responsible, all relevant crime reports would have to be individually examined. As such, this is an exercise which would exceed the cost limit set out in the Fees Regulations.

To be of assistance, data relating to all Dangerous Dog offences is available online - [Crime data - Police Scotland](https://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/how-we-do-it/crime-data/)

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.