

Ref: FOI / 6263

09th March 2026

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - Dog Attacks 2023 - 2025

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request the following information regarding your council area:

1. Can you please provide a breakdown of dog attacks reported by breed for the years 2023, 2024 and 2025?

Derry City and Strabane District Council provide the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) with statistical information on a wide range of dog control service areas including dog attacks, licensing, straying, number of fixed penalties issued etc. This information is provided by Councils on a quarterly basis, collated and held by DAERA. It is then referred to by Councils and DAERA when providing responses to dog related information requests from the media, the public and animal welfare stakeholders. The yearly statistical information can be found in the DAERA website, listed under Council Dog Summary Statistics, the link page is <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/publications/council-dog-summary-statistics>. Derry City and Strabane District Council does not however record or hold information on the breakdown of dog attacks reported by breed.

2. How many of these incidents resulted in injury to a person? (please provide a breakdown for each year)

Not applicable.

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3. How many of these incidents resulted in injury to an animal? (please provide a breakdown for each year)

Not applicable.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes.

Firstly, our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

John Kelpie
Chief Executive
Derry City and Strabane District Council
98 Strand Road
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Tel: 028 71253253 or email: john.kelpie@derrystرابane.com

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
CHESHIRE SK9 5AF
Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: casework@ico.org.uk

I would however advise that the Information Commissioner has indicated that a review will not be undertaken unless the Council has first had an opportunity to re-consider its decision.

Yours sincerely

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