

Ref: FOI / 6057

06th November 2025

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Request - Dog Attacks 2021-2025

I refer to your FOI request and respond as follows:

1. How many dog attacks on humans were reported in the years 2021-2025?

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| • 1 st January to 31 st December 2021 | 33 |
| • 1 st January to 31 st December 2022 | 53 |
| • 1 st January to 31 st December 2023 | 55 |
| • 1 st January to 31 st December 2024 | 57 |
| • 1 st January to 16 th October 2025 | 33 |

Please note that Derry City and Strabane District Council through its Tascomi management information system 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 on people, livestock, and domestic animals figures inter alia. This information is provided by all Councils in Northern Ireland 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. This yearly statistical information (1st April to 31st March) 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>.

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2. How many dog attacks on humans that were reported resulted in injury in the years 2021-2025?

Derry City and Strabane District Council does not record or collate this information in a retrievable format in its Tascomi management information system.

3. How many dog attacks on humans were by an XL Bully in the years 2021-2025?

• 1 st January to 31 st December 2021	0
• 1 st January to 31 st December 2022	0
• 1 st January to 31 st December 2023	0
• 1 st January to 31 st December 2024	0
• 1 st January to 16 th October 2025	1

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
Derry BT48 7NN
Tel: 028 71253253 or email: john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com

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

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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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 reconsider its decision.

Yours sincerely

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