



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

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Dear requester,

Thank you for your recent request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

**Section 1** of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at, **Section 1(1) (a)**, is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at, **Section 1 (1) (b)**, is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

The information that you are seeking is in relation to the following:

### REQUEST

Please provide yearly figures for 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 along with monthly figures for all of 2023 and for 2024 from January 1st to 31st August for each of the following questions:

- 1. The number of crimes recorded for Home Office code 111/17/N: Possession of Pitbull type terrier, Japanese Tosa or other designated type dog contrary to Section 1(2) of Dangerous Dogs act**
- 2. The number of crimes recorded for Home Office code 8N/821: 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.**

NOTES: If your crime recording systems have been updated or changed since 2019 meaning you cannot provide data for all the years requested then please provide as many years' data as possible.

Additionally, if your force has produced a super-response or similar document please can you ensure that any more recent years or months since the super-response was published are included in your response.

Also, if the request for all data back to 2019 will take this request over the cost limit then please can you just provide data for 2022 and monthly data for 2023 and 2024 from 1st January to 31st August.



## RESPONSE

The following data has been provided using all crimes recorded between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 and the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2024 under the offence title “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 note that no offences were recorded under the offence title “Possession of Pitbull type terrier, Japanese Tosa or other designated type dog contrary to Section 1(2) of Dangerous Dogs act” in the requested time period. This data is accurate as of the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.

Year	Total
2019	276
2020	278
2021	320
2022	375
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1249</b>

Month	Year		
	2023	2024	Grand Total
Jan	26	26	52
Feb	25	43	68
Mar	28	49	77
Apr	47	36	83
May	45	67	112
Jun	38	52	90
Jul	35	53	88
Aug	46	52	98
Sep	30		30
Oct	44		44
Nov	43		43
Dec	22		22
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>378</b>	<b>807</b>



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Please direct any internal review requests to [FOI@gwent.police.uk](mailto:FOI@gwent.police.uk)

You have the right to request an appeal from the Information Commissioners Office about your Freedom of Information request, if you are dissatisfied with your internal review response.

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**Thank you for your interest in Gwent Police.**