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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 25/25 – Out of Control Dog Offences

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 7 January 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

Please provide, for each year from 2018 to 2024, the number of times your force recorded the offence of an 'out of control dog causing injury' (008/21).

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm that Cumbria Constabulary does hold the information you request and I have today decided to disclose this to you.

To retrieve information relevant to your request data was extracted from the Constabulary's crime recording system for the offence 'Owner or person in charge allowing dog be dangerously out of control in Any place in England and Wales (whether or not in a public place) injuring any person or assistance dog (008/21)' for the date period 01/01/2018-31/12/2024.

Answer:

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Total
Count of Crime Number	203	226	216	233	304	328	377	1887

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 this force's response to your questions should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

Whilst every care has been taken in the retrieval of the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact us for clarification, if you do have any issues or queries relating to this data.

Complaint Rights

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary.



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