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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 6/25 Dog attacks 2023-2024

I refer to your request for information received by Cumbria Constabulary on the 2nd of January 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

- 1. How many injuries from dog attacks of any breed have there been in your police force area in the calendar year of 2023 and 2024?*
- 2. How many injuries from dog attacks from XL bullies have there been in your police force area in the calendar year of 2023 and 2024?*

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm Cumbria Constabulary does hold some information relevant to your request and where this is the case I have today decided to disclose this to you.

The information provided in response to your request has been extracted from the Constabulary's crime recording system. Dog Breeds are not a mandatory recording field in our crime recording system. Data has been extracted from a keyword search in the summarised crime notes.

Please note: A keyword search may not accurately identify all information held by the Constabulary. If, for example, the words 'XL' or 'Bully' were recorded in a different field, or if another name or term was used to describe these terms, any such records would not be identified by the keyword search which has been undertaken.

It should also be noted that the 'XL Bully' breed in this data is as alleged/reported by the reporter and would require further investigation by experts in this field to confirm the breed. This would not be categorically determined within the force.

Answer

	2023	2024	Grand Total
OtherDog	326	369	695
XL Bully	2	8	10
Grand Total	328	377	705



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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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