

West Midlands Police Dogs
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Section 1 (Dangerous Dogs Act) - Banned Breeds (UK)



Pit Bull Terrier



Dogo Argentino

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Japanese Tosa



Fila Brasileiro



American Bully XL

Offences

Owner / person in charge of a dog dangerously out of control causing injury resulting in death

Contrary to section 3(1) and (4) of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991.

On ****(..SPECIFY DATE..)** at ****(..SPECIFY TOWNSHIP..)**, were

(A)_[the owner]_

(B)_[in charge]_

of a dog, namely ****(..SPECIFY THE BREED AND DESCRIPTION OF DOG..)**, which was dangerously out of control in ****(..SPECIFY PLACE AND LOCATION..)** and whilst so out of control injured ****(..SPECIFY PERSON(S)..)**, who died as a result of the injuries

Owner of a dog allow it to be dangerously out of control in public place and cause injury

Contrary to section 3(1) and (4) of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991.

On ****(..SPECIFY DATE..)** at ****(..SPECIFY TOWNSHIP..)**, were the owner of a dog which was dangerously out of control in a public place, namely ****(..SPECIFY PLACE AND LOCATION..)**, and whilst so out of control injured ****(..SPECIFY PERSON(S)..)**

Owner / person in charge of dog dangerously out of control causing injury to assistance dog

Contrary to section 3(1) and (4) of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991.

On ****(..SPECIFY DATE..)** at ****(..SPECIFY TOWNSHIP..)**, were

(A)_[the owner]_

(B)_[in charge]_

of a dog, namely ****(..SPECIFY THE BREED AND DESCRIPTION OF DOG..)**, which was dangerously out of control in ****(..SPECIFY PLACE AND LOCATION..)** and whilst so out of control injured an assistance dog, namely ****(..SPECIFY THE BREED AND DESCRIPTION OF ASSISTANCE DOG..)**

Section 3:

Under Section 3 Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, if any dog is dangerously out of control in any place, including all private property, the owner, or person for the time being in charge of the dog, is guilty of a summary offence. It is for the prosecution to prove that an act or omission by the defendant, with or without fault, to more than a minimal degree, caused or permitted the dog to be dangerously out of control. It is not necessary to prove recklessness or intent. It is no defence that the owner had no reason to appreciate that their dog might behave in this way.

General questions and answers

For each S1 dog seized what is the cost per day per dog for kennelling?

This varies between £22 per day and £30 per day – plus vaccinations / health checks

How many suspected Section 1 dogs (per type) did West Midlands Police seize under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 (DDA) for calendar years 2020; 2021; 2022; and 2023?

- **Pit Bull Terrier**
- **Dogo Argentino**
- **Japanese Tosa**
- **Fila Brasileiro**
- **American Bully XL**

Year	Number of Section 1 dog cases attended
2020	49
2021	61
2022	49
2023	55
2024	601

Please note that this is the number of cases that we have attended in relation to Section 1 dogs. Not all dogs will have been seized, as they are assessed in the home for behaviour by qualified assessors.

The number of dogs destroyed after seizure under s.1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act

Year	Number of Section 1 dogs destroyed
2020	16
2021	24
2022	10
2023	23
2024	249

How many dogs have West Midlands Police seized in calendar years 2020; 2021; 2022 and 2023 years for all types of dog. (Section 3 Dangerous Dogs Act)

Year	Number of dogs seized (all breeds)
2020	366
2021	416
2022	464
2023	601
2024	807

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Pre-2024 all section 1 banned breed dogs were seized owing to the amount of XL bully dogs we now make a risk-based decision on if the dog needs to be seized as a section 1 dog or if we can leave at home and then utilise the IES scheme.

The number of dogs destroyed after seizure under s.3 of the Dangerous Dogs Act

Year	Number of dogs destroyed (all breeds)
2020	140
2021	123
2022	131
2023	189
2024	196

For each dog involved in a Section 3 offence, what was their breed or type for calendar years 2020; 2021; 2022; and 2023?

Breed	2024	2023	2022	2021
American Bulldog	30	34	35	38
Akita	20	28	27	29
Alaskan Malamute	2	1	2	2
Belgium Malinois	27	20	18	4
Border Collie	14	18	9	13
Bull terrier	4		5	8
Boxer	7	4	2	2
Bull terrier cross	1	9	15	9
Bully XL	74	134	48	6
Cane Corso	28	32	23	5
Chihuahua	4	10	7	8
Cockerpoo	8	6	2	3
Cocker Spaniel	9	6	9	5
Chow Chow	4		5	
Collie Cross	3	3	5	

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Cross breed unknown	14	16	15	10
Dachshund	14	5	0	1
Doberman	8	13	15	6
Dalmatian	6			
Dogo Argentino		1	0	
Dogue De Bordeaux	3	4	10	9
Dutch Herder	1	3	0	
English Bulldog	29	21	10	9
English Bull Terrier	4			
French Bulldog	47	33	29	14
French Mastiff		1	1	
Greyhound	1	0	6	1
Great Dane	2	1	0	1
German Shepherd	60	64	56	50
Hungarian Visla			1	1
German Shepherd cross	13	9	12	6
Husky	8	4	15	15
Jack Russell	18	15	24	25
Labradoodle	7		1	1
Labrador	12	9	5	8
Lakeland Terrier		1	0	
Lurcher	1	8	3	1
Lurcher Cross	1	2		
Mastiff Other	14	17	8	12
Mixed bull breed	4			
Another breed	62	77	111	106
Patterdale Terrier	5			
Pitbull type	6	4	2	3
Pocket Bully	27	13	2	

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Presa Canario	15	14	7	12
Pug		4	2	3
Rhodesian Ridgeback	5	1	2	2
Rottweiler	25	27	16	18
Rottweiler cross	6	3	3	
Staffordshire bull terrier	65	69	85	77
SBT cross	50	43	65	29
Saluki	1			
Shar Pei	3			
Shih tzu	8			
Springer Spaniel	5			
Terrier other	16			
Weimaraner	1			
Yorkshire Terrier	5			

West Midlands Police Crime Statistics

2020 DATA

For the Year 2020 (this data starts April 2020), this is when a major change in computer systems occurred and the way we recorded the data.

The table below illustrates the number of recorded crimes broken down by calendar months.

Offence Title 2020	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Attempted - 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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in a public place injuring any person	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	52	70	68	74	89	84	51	56	59
Totals	52	70	68	74	89	84	51	56	59

The table below illustrates the outcomes of the crimes above (2020).

Outcome Description 2020	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Caution – Adult (Inc Conditional Caution)	1	1	2	3	3	2	0	1	0
Charge or Summons	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	2
Community Resolution	11	11	9	15	12	24	13	10	10
Evidential Difficulties - Victim Based - Named suspect not identified	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Formal action against the offender is not in the public interest (Police)	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Further action will be taken by another body	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0

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Investigation Complete: No suspect identified	18	23	15	24	26	26	13	19	20
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action (no victim support)	14	31	38	27	41	26	19	24	26
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action (victim support)	3	0	2	3	3	2	4	0	1
Suspect Identified, but not in the public interest for police to investigate	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
The Offender has Died (all offences)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	52	70	68	74	89	84	51	56	59

2021 DATA

The table below illustrates the number of recorded crimes broken down by calendar months.

Offence title 2021	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Attempted - 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	0	0	0	3	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in a public place injuring any person	0	0	0	7	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	64	51	81	76	74	106	100	96	83	78	78	65
Totals	64	51	81	86	84	110	101	96	83	79	78	65

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The table below illustrates the outcomes of the crimes above (2021).

Outcome Description 2021	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Not recorded	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Caution – Adult (Inc Conditional Caution)	1	2	0	0	0	3	2	4	1	1	1	0
Charge or Summons	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1
Community Resolution	13	4	15	14	12	19	16	7	7	9	6	7
Evidential Difficulties - Victim Based - Named suspect not identified	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	1	2	1
Formal action against the offender is not in the public interest (Police)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Further action will be taken by another body	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
Investigation Complete: No suspect identified	17	14	35	37	41	30	33	38	33	24	29	22
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action (no victim support)	29	28	27	33	26	52	46	42	41	40	38	30
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action (victim support)	1	3	3	0	3	3	4	2	0	3	2	2
Suspect Identified, but not in the public interest for police to investigate	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
The Offender has Died (all offences)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	64	51	81	86	84	110	101	96	83	79	78	65

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2022 DATA

The table below illustrates the number of recorded crimes broken down by calendar months.

Offence title 2022	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Attempted - 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	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	86	61	75	117	119	106	109	108	94	78	77	78
Totals	86	61	75	118	119	107	109	108	94	78	77	78

The table below illustrates the outcomes of the crimes above (2022).

Outcome Description 2022	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Not recorded	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Caution – Adult (Inc Conditional Caution)	1	1	0	1	1	3	2	1	1	0	0	0
Charge or Summons	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0
Community Resolution	12	14	8	11	23	13	12	13	13	10	7	10
Evidential Difficulties - Victim Based - Named suspect not identified	2	1	3	4	2	3	3	0	2	0	1	0
Formal action against the offender is not in the public interest (Police)	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Further action will be taken by another body	0	1	0	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Investigation Complete: No suspect identified	20	14	19	28	26	29	24	30	33	20	19	21
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action (no victim support)	46	27	42	62	59	55	61	52	42	46	46	43
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties	3	3	2	6	4	3	6	10	3	2	1	4

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prevent further action (victim support)												
Suspect Identified, but not in the public interest for police to investigate	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
The Offender has Died (all offences)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	86	61	75	118	119	107	109	108	94	78	77	78

2023 DATA

The table below illustrates the number of recorded crimes broken down by calendar months.

Offence title 2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Attempted - 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	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
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	78	88	110	109	142	145	140	126	118	117	103	96
Totals	78	89	110	111	143	145	140	126	119	117	103	97

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The table below illustrates the outcomes of the crimes above (2023).

Outcome description 2023	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Not recorded	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Caution – Adult (Inc Conditional Caution)	0	1	0	0	3	3	0	0	3	0	3	0
Charge or Summons	0	0	0	6	1	0	1	1	4	0	1	0
Community Resolution	7	14	18	8	16	14	15	14	7	22	8	4
Evidential Difficulties - Victim Based - Named suspect not identified	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	1	2	3	1
Formal action against the offender is not in the public interest (Police)	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Further action will be taken by another body	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Investigation Complete: No suspect identified	24	26	28	42	51	46	50	46	35	32	27	31
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action (no victim support)	46	45	60	47	61	73	72	61	68	59	57	55
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action (victim support)	0	2	3	6	9	5	2	2	1	1	4	5
Totals	78	89	110	111	143	145	140	126	119	117	103	97

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2024 DATA

The table below illustrates the number of recorded crimes broken down by calendar months.

Offence Title 2024	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Attempted - 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	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
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	84	97	87	109	120	138	113	133	125	97	84	92
Totals	84	97	87	109	120	138	114	133	126	97	84	92

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The table below illustrates the outcomes of the crimes above (2024).

Outcome Description 2024	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Not recorded	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	5	9	11	22	55
Caution – Adult (Inc Conditional Caution)	0	3	1	0	2	1	2	3	0	0	0	0
Charge or Summons	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Community Resolution	11	6	6	11	10	14	9	7	7	3	5	0
Evidential Difficulties - Victim Based - Named suspect not identified	1	2	0	1	0	5	3	4	1	1	4	1
Further action will be taken by another body	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0
Investigation Complete: No suspect identified	25	27	25	32	31	35	34	37	36	26	21	11
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action (no victim support)	43	55	49	61	71	76	65	73	69	54	31	22
Named Suspect identified: evidential difficulties prevent further action (victim support)	4	3	4	4	4	3	1	3	1	1	1	3
Totals	84	97	87	109	120	138	114	133	126	97	84	92