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Dear

**Freedom of Information Request Reference N<sup>o</sup>: FOI 001704/16**

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016 in which you sought access to the following information:

- 1 How many dog attack cases have the police investigated between January 1, 2015, and January 1, 2016?
- 2 How many were classified as Dangerous Dogs?
- 3 How many people have been charged with having a dog dangerously out of control?
- 4 How many of these were prosecuted and charged in relation to the actions of their animal?
- 5 How many were resolved without being prosecuted?
- 6 How many were resolved by an agreement between the parties, eg by way of an agreement to muzzle their animal?
- 7 How many reoffended?
- 8 How many of the dogs were seized and destroyed by the police?

Please can you repeat the answers for the years January 1, 2014, to January, 1, 2015, and January 1, 2013, to January 1, 2014.

Norfolk Constabulary holds information relevant to your request.

**Response to your Request**

Norfolk Constabulary has located the following information as relevant to your request. Please see below crime details, broken down by the outcome/disposal.

2013

<b>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</b>	
<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Total</b>
A3. Summons	1
B1. Caution	1

R1. Restorative / Youth Restorative Disposal	1
R2. Extended Professional Judgement	1
Undetected	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>

2014

<b>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</b>	
<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Total</b>
01. Charged/Summons	7
03. Caution-Adults	1
8. Community Resolution	8
10. Not in the Public Interest (Police)	1
14. No Suspect. Victim declines/unable to support	1
15. Victim supports but evidential difficulties prevent	3
16. Suspect ID. Victim does not support (or has withdrawn)	3
18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>

2015

<b>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</b>	
<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Total</b>
01. Charged/Summons	5
8. Community Resolution	10
16. Suspect ID. Victim does not support (or has withdrawn)	6
18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending	2
10. Not in the Public Interest (Police)	2
Under Investigation	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>

2016

<b>2016 Dangerous Dogs Incidents</b>	
<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Total</b>
Type 10 - Formal Action Against Offender is not in the Public Interest (Police)	1
Type 8 - Community resolution (Crime)	1
Under Investigation	9

<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>
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None of the crimes above detail that any of the dogs were a dangerous or banned breed.

21 of the crimes refer to conditions being imposed many of which include dog to be on a lead and/or muzzled when in public place. Not all of the crimes hold the details of the conditions therefore this may not be an accurate record of the final outcomes.

It is not possible to tell from the crime records if any have re-offended.

Three crimes detail that the dog was destroyed after the incident. This was one in 2013, one in 2014 and one in 2015.