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Dear

Freedom of Information Request Reference N^o: FOI 000280/16

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 19th January 2016 in which you sought access to the following information:

The amended Dangerous Dogs Act came into effect in England and Wales on 13 May 2014. It is now a criminal offence for a person in charge of a dog to allow it to be "dangerously out of control" in a private place. According to the Act, a dog is considered "dangerously out of control" if it injures someone or makes someone worried that it might injure them. New measures under the ASB, Crime and Policing Act were also introduced that year to enable frontline professionals, including council employees, to crack-down on anti-social dog owners who allow their animals to "menace members of the public and cause distress in the community".

I therefore wish to know:

- 1 The number of alleged incidents that were reported to your Constabulary by members of the public between 13 May 2014 and 8 January 2016 concerning dogs which caused fear of harm or distress in a private place and/or whose behaviour may have been "dangerously out of control" as per the Dangerous Dogs Act; and
- 2 The number of alleged incidents that were passed to your Constabulary by the council and/or another third party agency between 13 May 2014 and 8 January 2016 concerning dogs which caused fear of harm or distress in a private place and/or whose behaviour may have been "dangerously out of control" as per the Dangerous Dogs Act; and
- 3 The number of incidents concerning dogs which allegedly caused fear of harm or distress in a private place that were investigated by your Constabulary between 13 May 2014 and 8 January 2016; and
- 4 If incidents concerning dogs which allegedly caused fear of harm or distress were investigated during this period, the number of prosecutions, sanctions or other measures that were subsequently brought, taken or imposed by your Constabulary on dog owners

Norfolk Constabulary holds information relevant to your request.

Response to your Request

Norfolk Constabulary has located the following information as relevant to your request.

The Constabulary's Joint Performance and Analysis Department has undertaken research in relation to the offence of '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 see results below for crimes up to 19th October 2015:-

Description	Detection Status	Crime Created	Injury	Private or Public	Outcome
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	Detected	Mar-15	Minor	Public	08.2. Extended Professional Judgement
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	Detected	Mar-15	Minor	Public	08.2. Extended Professional Judgement
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	Undetected	Jan-15	Minor	Public	18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending
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	Detected	Apr-15	Minor	Public	08.1. Restorative / Youth Restorative Disposal
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	Detected	Apr-15	Minor	Private	08.2. Extended Professional Judgement
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	Detected	Apr-15	Minor	Public	08.2. Extended Professional Judgement
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	Undetected	May-15	Serious	Public	16. Suspect ID. Victim does not support (or has withdrawn)
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	Detected	Jun-14	Minor	Public	01. Charged/Summons

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	Detected	May-15	Minor	Private	01. Charged/Summons
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	Undetected	Jun-14	Minor	Public	18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending
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	Undetected	Jun-14	None	Public	14. No Suspect. Victim declines/unable to support
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	Detected	Jun-14	Minor	Public	08.2. Extended Professional Judgement
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	Undetected	Jun-15	Minor	Public	16. Suspect ID. Victim does not support (or has withdrawn)
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	Detected	Jul-14	Minor	Public	01. Charged/Summons
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	Undetected	Jun-15	Minor	Public	16. Suspect ID. Victim does not support (or has withdrawn)
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	Detected	Jun-15	Minor	Public	08.2. Extended Professional Judgement
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	Undetected	Jul-14	Minor	Public	15. Victim supports but evidential difficulties prevent
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	Detected	Jul-15	Minor	Public	01. Charged/Summons
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	Detected	Aug-14	Minor	Private	08.2. Extended Professional Judgement

assistance dog					
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	Detected	Aug-14	Minor	Public	08.2. Extended Professional Judgement
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	Undetected	Aug-15	Minor	Public	Not finalised
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	Undetected	Aug-15	Minor	Public	16. Suspect ID. Victim does not support (or has withdrawn)
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	Undetected	Aug-15	Minor	Public	Not finalised
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	Detected	Sep-14	Minor	Unknown	01. Charged/Summons
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	Detected	Sep-14	Serious	Public	01. Charged/Summons
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	Undetected	Sep-14	Minor	Public	15. Victim supports but evidential difficulties prevent
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	Detected	Sep-14	Minor	Public	08.2. Extended Professional Judgement
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	Undetected	Sep-15	Minor	Public	16. Suspect ID. Victim does not support (or has withdrawn)
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	Detected	Sep-15	Minor	Public	08.1. Restorative / Youth Restorative Disposal

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	Undetected	Sep-15	None	Public	Not finalised
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	Undetected	Oct-14	Minor	Unknown	15. Victim supports but evidential difficulties prevent
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	Undetected	Sep-15	Minor	Public	Not finalised
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	Undetected	Sep-15	Minor	Public	18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending
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	Undetected	Oct-15	Minor	Public	Not finalised
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	Detected	Oct-14	Minor	Public	01. Charged/Summons
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	Detected	Oct-14	Minor	Public	01. Charged/Summons
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	Undetected	Nov-14	None	Public	18. No Suspect. Crime investigated. Case closed pending
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	Detected	Nov-14	None	Public	03. Caution-Adults
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	Undetected	Nov-14	Minor	Private	10. Not in the Public Interest (Police)
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	Detected	Nov-14	Minor	Public	08.2. Extended Professional Judgement

assistance dog					
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	Undetected	Nov-14	Serious	Private	16. Suspect ID. Victim does not support (or has withdrawn)
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	Detected	Nov-14	Minor	Private	08.1. Restorative / Youth Restorative Disposal
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	Detected	Feb-15	Minor	Public	01. Charged/Summons

From 20th October 2015, a new crime database has been introduced.

Date	Incident Summary	Public or Private
Jan-16	NOT KEEPING A DOG UNDER PROPER CONTROL	Public
Jan-16	Male bitten by dog	Public
Jan-16	DOG BITE ON ADULT MALE	Public
Jan-16	GBH WITH INTENT (adult bitten by dog)	Private
Dec-15	Dog dangerously out of control in Public place- injury	Public
Jan-16	DOG DANGEROUSLY OUT OF CONTROL CAUSING INJURY	Public
Jan-16	DOGBITE	Private
Jan-16	DOG BITE	Public
Jan-16	Dog incident / Dangerous Dog.	Public
Nov-15	Child bitten by dog	Public
Nov-15	Owner or person in charge allowing dog to be dangerously out of control in a public place injuring any person.	Public
Nov-15	Dog Incident	Public
Nov-15	Adult bitten by dog	Public
Nov-15	Dog bite	Public
Feb-16	dog out of control causing injury	Public
Nov-15	DANGEROUS DOG	Public
Nov-15	DOG OUT OF CONTROL IN PUBLIC PLACE (MINOR INJURY)	Public
Nov-15	Allowing dog to be dangerously out of control	Public
Nov-15	Adult bitten by a dog	Public
Dec-15	DOG DANGEROUSLY OUT OF CONTROL IN PUBLIC PLACE.	Public
Dec-15	Male bitten by a dog	Public

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