



Access to Public Information Request

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Request to Guernsey Police regarding 'dog attack' incidents

Request for information:

I'd like to make an access to public information request to the police.

I'd like to ask how many dog incidents of aggression have been reported to the police over the last 2 years.

How many dog incidents have been in the various parks, per park. Broken down to show how many in each park.

How many dogs have actually bitten people.

How many dogs have attacked other dogs.

How many dogs have attacked livestock.

How many dogs have been reported for aggression.

How many instances resulted in dogs being destroyed.

Is there any data or figures on the different breeds of dogs involved in each incident?

Do they keep a log of all the dog incident so that they can compile statistics?

If they do can they confirm whether or not there is a record of my phone call on the 4th of July 2018 of a dog that bit me at Saumarez Park in the morning. Is this incident included in the statistics?

Also is the incident that happened on 20th October this year at Saumarez Park where a Springer Spaniel attacked a child is that included in the statistics?

Response (provided by Guernsey Police):

Guernsey Police do not maintain a specific log for 'dog incidents' and therefore it is not possible to provide details to the extent requested. However, by carrying out searches in Guernsey Police's two primary databases for all incidents which make reference to 'dog', it is possible to get an indication of how many such incidents have been reported in the last 2 years. It should be noted that there is the possibility of some duplication of incidents, as the figures are taken from two databases. It should also be noted that incidents referencing 'dog' will range widely in severity from minor issues such as noise complaints, to more serious incidents where injury was caused by a dog.

The two Guernsey Police primary databases, 'Vision' and 'Niche', respectively include 271 and 62 references to recorded reports and/or offences involving a dog(s).

Guernsey Police can also confirm that the two specific reports of incidents referenced (July 2018 and October 2019) in the request are recorded and therefore included in these statistics.

In order to provide further detail as to the nature of the various incidents or other details such as breed of dog, it would require each incident to be examined individually and it is not necessarily the case that all of the specific information requested here is included in the records of individual incidents. For this reason, exception 2.9 (voluminous or vexatious requests) is applied to the remainder of the questions included in the request. However if there is further information Guernsey Police are able to provide which is more narrow in its scope, it will endeavour to do so.