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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 221230.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

Please can you provide details, broken down by calendar year, of the number of patients recorded as being treated for injuries caused by a dog, from 2018 to 2022.

YEAR	Count of Incidents
2018	51
2019	65
2020	111
2021	90
2022	74

- Date Range - 01/01/2018 - 30/11/2022
- The results for injuries by a dog are taken from where "dog bite" or "dog attack" have been mentioned in the notes by the call taker.
- Treated is considered where there is a response time at scene.
- Please note this may not include all incidents with injuries by a dog and may exclude incidents where this has not been mentioned

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

**Freedom of Information Coordinator
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