

27 January 2025

Dear

ATISN 23223

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 01 January 2025. You asked for:

The number of dogs registered in the country, The number of dogs which had bitten in 2024 and the number of dogs which have been euthanized in the same year 2024.

Our response

We do not hold this information, this information is held by other organisations.

There is no requirement in Wales to register a pet dog and there is no legislation for dog licensing or registration.

This information relating to dog bites is held by Welsh National Health Service (NHS) A recent publication that highlights the incidences and victim demographics of Welsh hospital admissions due to dog bites and strikes from 2014 to 2022 may be of interest. [Welsh hospital admissions due to dog bites and strikes \(2014–2022\) - ScienceDirect.](#)

We do not hold information or data on the numbers of dogs euthanized . This information is held within private veterinary practices. A recent study, [RVC study into euthanasia of dogs aims to help vets and owners better prepare for that toughest decision](#) may be of interest.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at: Information Rights Unit, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,

Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely