

Number of adult offenders sentenced in magistrates' courts for dangerous dog offences covered by the guideline, 2013 and May 2014-April 2015 ¹

Offence	Jan - Dec 2013		May 2014 - April 2015 ²	
	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of total	Number of offenders sentenced	Proportion of total
Owner or person in charge of a dog dangerously out of control in any place in England or Wales (whether or not a public place) where death is caused	N/A	N/A	0	0%
Owner or person in charge of a dog dangerously out of control in any place in England or Wales (whether or not a public place) where a person is injured	577	61%	514	62%
Owner or person in charge of a dog dangerously out of control in any place in England or Wales (whether or not a public place) where an assistance dog is injured or killed	N/A	N/A	7	1%
Owner or person in charge of a dog dangerously out of control in any place in England or Wales (whether or not a public place)	167	18%	130	16%
Possession of a prohibited dog, breeding, selling, exchanging or advertising a prohibited dog	195	21%	180	22%
Total	939	100%	831	100%

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

Notes

- 1) Includes offenders sentenced in magistrates' courts only. This is due to a data coding issue in the Crown Courts, which means that since these new offences came into effect in May 2014, MoJ's Court Proceedings Database is missing cases which were sentenced in the Crown Court.
- 2) Data shown covers the period May 2014 to April 2015, in order to show 12 months of data since the new legislation came into effect.

Sample of Crown Court cases

A sample of 21 cases which were committed to the Crown Court either for trial or sentence, in the period January to August 2015, have been analysed. The offences related to being in charge of a dog dangerously out of control, where injury was caused. In the majority of cases, the sentence outcome was within magistrates' courts' sentencing powers.

Sentence outcomes received by adult offenders sentenced in magistrates' courts for the offence dog out of control causing injury, 2013 and May 2014 - April 2015¹

Outcome	Jan - Dec 2013		May 2014 - April 2015 ^{2,3}	
	Number of offenders	Proportion of total	Number of offenders	Proportion of total
Absolute and conditional discharge	150	26%	120	23%
Fine	221	38%	221	43%
Community order	115	20%	96	19%
Suspended sentence	29	5%	25	5%
Immediate custody	10	2%	1	0%
Otherwise dealt with	52	9%	51	10%
Total	577	100%	514	100%

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

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2) Data shown covers the period May 2014 to April 2015, in order to show 12 months of data since the new legislation came into effect.

3) Custodial sentence length was 3 months.

Annex F

Sentence outcomes received by adult offenders sentenced in magistrates' courts for the offence dog out of control where an assistance dog is injured or killed, May 2014 - April 2015^{1,2}

Outcome	Number of offenders	Proportion of total
Absolute and conditional discharge	2	29%
Fine	2	29%
Community order	3	43%
Total	7	100%

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

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Sentence outcomes received by adult offenders sentenced in magistrates' courts for the offence dog out of control, no injury caused, 2013 and May 2014 - April 2015¹

Outcome	Jan - Dec 2013		May 2014 - April 2015 ^{2,3}	
	Number of offenders	Proportion of total	Number of offenders	Proportion of total
Absolute and conditional discharge	44	26%	22	17%
Fine	79	47%	80	62%
Community order	26	16%	16	12%
Suspended sentence	0	0%	1	1%
Immediate custody	3	2%	1	1%
Otherwise dealt with	15	9%	10	8%
Total	167	100%	130	100%

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

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2) Data shown covers the period May 2014 to April 2015, in order to show 12 months of data since the new legislation came into effect.

3) Custodial sentence length was 1 month.

Sentence outcomes received by adult offenders sentenced in magistrates' courts for offences related to possession of a prohibited dog, 2013 and May 2014 - April 2015¹

Outcome	Jan - Dec 2013		May 2014 - April 2015 ^{2,3}	
	Number of offenders	Proportion of total	Number of offenders	Proportion of total
Absolute and conditional discharge	89	46%	77	43%
Fine	86	44%	71	39%
Community order	14	7%	17	9%
Suspended sentence	3	2%	2	1%
Immediate custody	2	1%	2	1%
Otherwise dealt with	1	1%	11	6%
Total	195	100%	180	100%

Source: Court Proceedings Database, Ministry of Justice

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3) Custodial sentence lengths were 1 month and 2 months.

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