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**2.11 Deputy M.B. Andrews of St. Helier North of the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs regarding the number of dogs destroyed by Order of the Court (OQ 150/2024):**

Will the Minister advise how many dogs have been destroyed by Order of the Court since 2018 as a result of attacks by them on other animals and members of the public?

**Deputy M.R. Le Hegarat of St. Helier North (The Minister for Justice and Home Affairs):**

I thank the Deputy for the question. Obviously, I am answering this question although I do not actually have responsibility for the management of the courts. The Magistrate is able to make a destruction order under Article 11B of the Dogs (Jersey) Law 1961. There is a right of appeal against such an order to the Royal Court. There are no records of any destruction orders having been made since 2023. Prior data to 2023 was not available in the timeframe for answering of this question. The judgment in any appeal that is heard in the Royal Court against the decision of the Magistrate to order the destruction of a dog would be published on the Jersey Legal Information Board website. A perusal of that website shows that, in 2021, a destruction order against a dog in 2020 was successfully appealed. No other appeals against destruction orders between 2018 and the present day were identified.