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RMG/CWU National Dog Awareness Week (DAW) – 6th July to 12th July 2026 (RMG Dog Attack Statistics, CWU Members' Handout & Carousel Slides)

Dear Colleagues,

Further to LTB 184/26 and 191/26 issued over the past few weeks covering the Royal Mail Group/CWU National Dog Awareness Week (DAW), which is the joint annual event where important messages are communicated to emphasise the ongoing safety risk of dog attacks within Royal Mail and Parcelforce.

Whilst this year's DAW has now drawn to a close, please find below the following materials, which are being issued to continue to highlight the key messages around Dog Awareness throughout the year.

Dog Attacks – Statistics 2025 to 2026

Attached to this LTB is an Excel File which provides dog attack information by postcode areas across the UK, covering the years of (March) 2013/14 up to the latest figures for (March) 2025/26. The file highlights fluctuation in reported attacks by postcode areas over the past thirteen years.

Whilst recognising all of the joint RMG and CWU ongoing work and activity aimed at dog attack prevention, and the slight reduction in overall dog attacks this year, where reported attacks fell to 2,019 compared to the 2,197 dog attacks last year. The facts remain that dog attacks continue to be a major safety hazard and concern for all our members in RMG and across all areas of the UK.

CWU Members' Handout

Also attached is a CWU members' handout, which serves as an opportunity to remind all members who perform deliveries and collections in both Royal Mail and Parcelforce of wider and all-year-round Dog Awareness messages.

This member's handout, in both Word and PDF formats, will allow for relevant Branch and Area Safety Representatives (ASRs) contact details to be added.

CWU Carousel Slides

The final attachment is a Zip File of some further CWU carousel slides, 4 in total, which were issued via the CWU Communication Department on social media platforms and linked to this year's Dog Awareness Week. These slides are being shared for onward

use by Branches and Safety Reps, and to again support Dog Awareness as an all-year-round message.

In closing, it is right to place on record our thanks and appreciation to all our Reps, Branches and Safety Forums for their continuing work undertaken not just during Dog Awareness Week, but throughout the year, and in this vital area of seeking to reduce dog attacks and incidents on our members within Royal Mail and Parcelforce.

Any enquiries to this LTB should be referred to the DGS(P) Department email address: Hford@cwu.org/ACorbett@cwu.org.

Yours sincerely,

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