

Dog Warden Services: Kennelling Costs, Service Provision and the Impact of XL Bully Legislation





Deadly... the pets seen in a photo from their owner's Facebook

Dad, 52, savaged to death in street

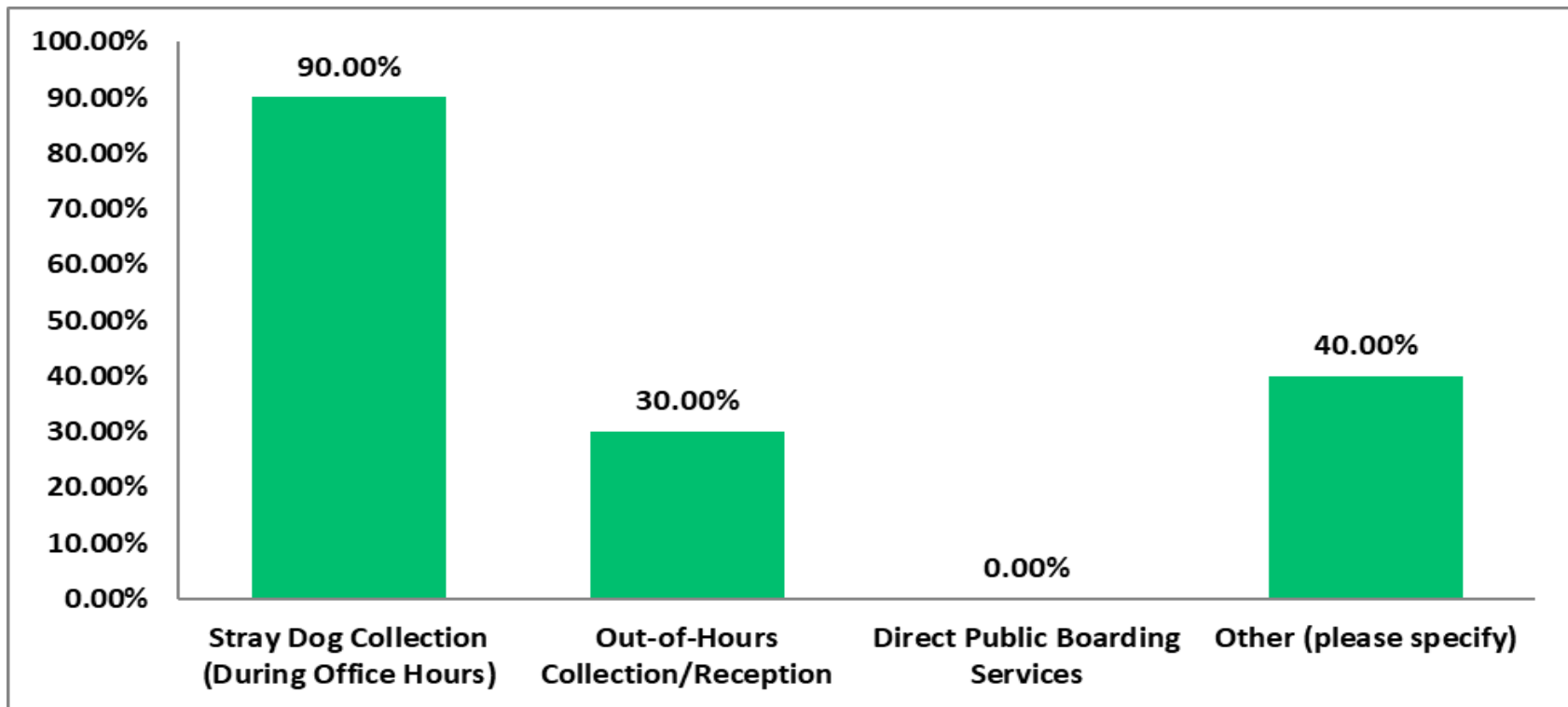
A CARING dad was savaged to death by two XL Bully dogs — sparking a ban on the breed by PM Rishi Sunak. Neighbours tried to stop the beasts mauling Ian Price, 52, in Stenall, Staffs. He is the sixth person to die in a dog attack in England this year. Last weekend a loose XL Bully badly injured a girl, 11, and two men in Birmingham. Pledging a ban by the year's end, Mr Sunak said: "It shares the nation's horror at these attacks. "It is clear this is not about a handful of badly trained dogs, it's a pattern of behaviour and it cannot go on."

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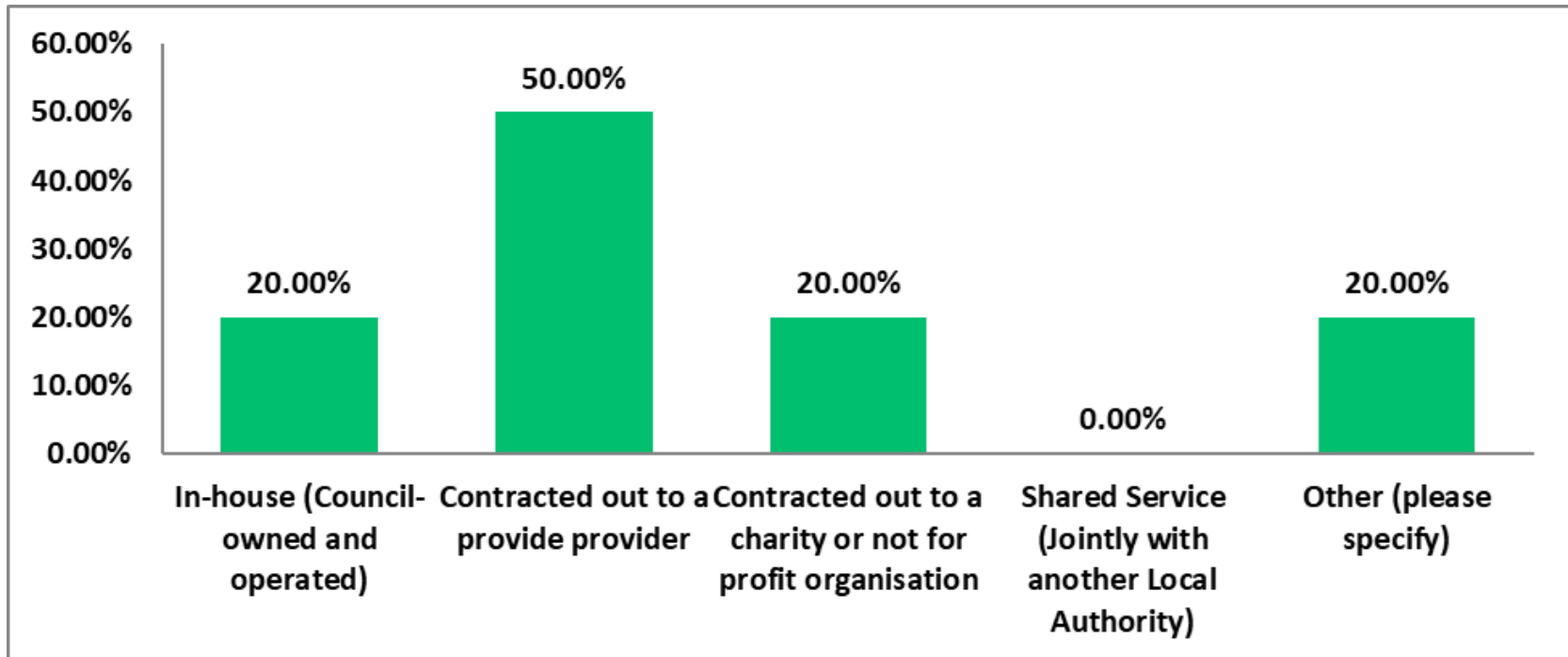
Mauled... Victim Ian

KILLED BY XL BULLYS

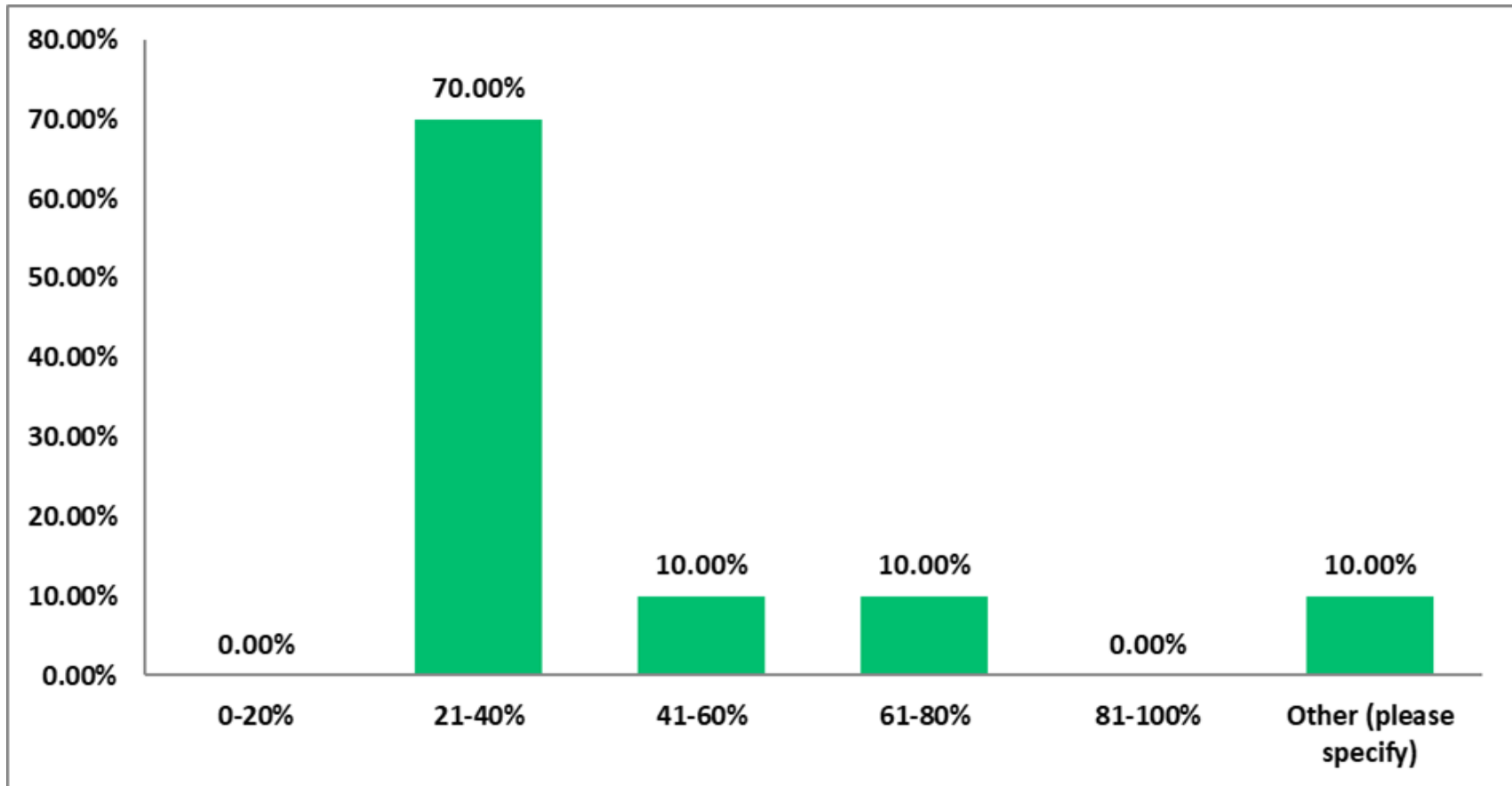
Services does your council's dog warden team offer



Kennelling models



Dogs reclaimed by their owner



Charges and costs

- Statutory fines varied significantly, ranging from £25 to £100
- The administration, handling or collection fees showed wide variation, from £15 up to £163.50, often with reduced rates for residents on benefits.
- The kennelling fees per 24-hour period ranged from £11.40 to £35.40, and the out-of-hours surcharges were uncommon but, where applied, were substantial at approximately £150–£156 per dog.
- The variations in charges and costs could be attributed to the delivery model that a council has adopted, with the cost and charges being applied at a rate that covers the cost of providing the provision.

Local authorities say !

- Cost of living pressures have led to increased abandonment, particularly of older dogs.
- Authorities are experiencing higher veterinary bills and reduced reclaim rates.
- Staff wellbeing and service capacity have been affected, with respondents noting limited government guidance or support, particularly in relation to XL Bully enforcement.

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