

Annex D: Animal cruelty consultation – alternative sentencing tables

We would offer the below specific recommendations on starting points:

Category 1 – High culpability should be 2 years

Category 1 – Medium culpability should be 9 months

Category 1 – Low culpability should be high level community order

Category 2 – High culpability should be 9 months

Category 2 – Medium culpability should be 18 weeks custody

Category 2 – Low culpability should be medium level community order

Category 3 – High culpability leave at 12 weeks

Category 3 – Medium culpability leave at medium level community order

Category 3 – Low culpability leave at Band B fine

Magistrates' Association

Battersea, the Dogs' Trust and the Links Group drew from sentencing guidelines for dangerous dogs and ABH for their suggested sentencing table. IVC Evidensia's suggestions mirrored these exactly:

	High culpability	Med. culpability	Low culpability
Cat 1 harm	SP: 36 months Cat. range: 30 months – 48 months	SP: 18 months Cat. range: 6 months – 30 months	SP: 36 weeks Cat. range: High CO – 18 months
Cat 2 harm	SP: 24 months Cat. range: 12 months – 36 months	SP: 6 months Cat. range: High CO – 18 months	SP: Medium CO Cat. range: Low CO – 36 weeks
Cat 3 harm	SP: 36 weeks Cat. range: High CO – 18 months	SP: Medium CO Cat. range: Low CO – 36 weeks	SP: Band C fine Cat. range: Band B fine – Low CO

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