


# IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR CDS RESIDENTS WHO OWN XL BULLY DOGS



The Government has added XL Bully to the list of dogs banned under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 following a concerning rise in attacks and fatalities caused by this breed of dogs. Owning an XL Bully in England and Wales From 1 February 2024 will be a criminal offence unless your dog has been issued a Certificate of Exemption.

**If you want to keep your XL Bully after the ban, you must apply for a Certificate of Exemption online by Midday on 31 January 2024. To receive a Certificate of Exception, you must get:**

- **Third-party public liability insurance cover for your dog**
- **Have the dog permanently neutered if not already neutered**
- **Have your dog microchipped (already a legal requirement), and**
- **Pay a non-refundable fee of £92.40 for each dog you want to keep.**

If you live in a CDS property and own an XL Bully, please notify us immediately and provide proof to your housing officer that you have completed the certification process or are in the process of doing so before the above deadline.

You must provide us with a Certificate of Exemption to show you comply with the law. Failure to hold a Certificate of Exemption on 1 February 2024 is a criminal offence and a breach of your tenancy agreement. If you do not provide us with a certificate and know you have an XL bully, we will report you to the relevant authorities.

**When CDS staff and our contractors visit your property, we expect any XL Bully dogs to be muzzled.**



**If you believe a dog is dangerous or banned, report it to the Police on 101. You can also contact us on 020 4551 0080 to advise us of your concerns after you have informed the Police.**