



ENGLAND

England XL Bully Owner Review Pack

An England-specific compliance review for certificate records, Defra notifications, public handling, secure keeping and the November 2026 supervision rule.

WHY THIS EXISTS

The exemption remains valid only while its conditions are followed. A dated review separates what has genuinely been checked from what the household merely assumes.

Start with the identity record

DOG NAME

CERTIFICATE NUMBER

MICROCHIP NUMBER

CERTIFICATE HOLDER

Use it in two ways

Digital: type into the blue fields, save a dated copy and share only the pages another person needs.

Print: use A4 at 100%, complete it during the real routine and replace superseded personal-data pages.



Working details

LATEST DEFRA REFERENCE

REGISTERED ADDRESS

EMERGENCY HANDLER

REVIEW DATE

Only tick what you physically checked

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Certificate accessible

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Microchip details current

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Neutering evidence located

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Registered address correct

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Muzzle allows panting/drinking

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Lead and backup sound

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Every handler is 16+

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Child-supervision plan ready

ACTION I OWN NEXT



Use it before the decision becomes urgent

Each prompt explains the circumstance and the practical job this asset should do.

1

A Defra detail changes

Record what changed, when Defra was contacted and the reference; keep the replacement certificate with the original record.

2

A different adult walks the dog

Demonstrate the muzzle, lead, door and emergency-turn routine, then record that the person is at least 16 and has practised it.

3

A child under 12 visits or lives at home

Map barriers, adult responsibility and transitions now, before the new certificate condition begins on 1 November 2026.

4

Building work affects a boundary

Use the exit audit before workers arrive and create two secure layers while a gate, fence or door is compromised.

5

A request for the certificate

Locate the document promptly and record the request and response; official guidance says it must be supplied within five days when properly requested.

6

A temporary stay is planned

Start the separate 30-day log and confirm the destination handler and address before the dog leaves the registered home.

7

The dog is exported or dies

Record the event and Defra notification reference; this pack is a record, not the notification itself.

8

A near miss exposes a weak layer

Record the failed layer without blame, add a physical control, and review handling with qualified help where risk is significant.



Digital workflow

- 1 Complete the fillable fields and save with the review date.
- 2 Email only the minimum necessary pages to a trusted carer.
- 3 Keep notification references beside the relevant action.
- 4 Set a calendar reminder for the next review.

Print workflow

- 1 Print single-sided at 100% on A4.
- 2 Walk the property with the sheet rather than completing it from memory.
- 3 Initial each check only after it is physically verified.
- 4 Store personal-data pages securely and replace superseded copies.

IMPORTANT BOUNDARY

This pack summarises official guidance and cannot decide whether an exemption is valid. Contact Defra, police or a suitably experienced solicitor when facts are disputed.

Official sources to check

Defra - ban on XL Bully dogs

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ban-on-xl-bully-dogs>

GOV.UK - banned dogs

<https://www.gov.uk/control-dog-public/banned-dogs>

MY NEXT REVIEW DATE

Review after any change, incident, official update or handover.