



ALL UK TERRITORIES

XL Bully Child and Visitor Supervision Plan

A household plan for adult supervision, barriers, visitors, deliveries and the under-12 certificate condition beginning 1 November 2026.

WHY THIS EXISTS

From 1 November 2026, leaving a child under 12 in close contact with an exempt dog in a private place without adult supervision becomes an exemption condition. Good practice should start now.

Start with the identity record

DOG NAME

HOME / PRIVATE PLACE

CHILDREN / AGES

NAMED SUPERVISING ADULTS

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Print: use A4 at 100%, complete it during the real routine and replace superseded personal-data pages.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

DOG'S SECURE REST AREA

TWO BARRIER LAYERS

VISITOR INSTRUCTION

REVIEW DATE

Only tick what you physically checked

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Named adult assigned

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Two barriers tested

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Dog rest area protected

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Garden transition planned

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Door routine rehearsed

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Food / toy separation planned

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Child rules explained

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Emergency reset practised

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 child under 12 lives in the home

Create a daily supervision rota and protected dog-rest area; adult supervision must be active, not merely somewhere in the building.

2

Grandchildren or friends visit

Set barriers before arrival and explain that meeting the dog is optional, never the purpose of the visit.

3

A party increases noise and movement

Use a quiet secure room and two barriers; assign one adult to check the dog rather than rotating responsibility informally.

4

A tradesperson needs access

Move the dog before the external door opens and keep keys, gates and tools outside the dog's area.

5

Food or toys create competition

Separate dog and children before food, chews or high-value items appear and supervise clearing away.

6

The garden is shared

Use a visible occupancy rule and an adult-controlled transition so a child cannot enter while the dog is loose.

7

A car journey includes a child

Use secure physical separation and adult planning for stops, doors and transfers into public places.

8

A barrier fails or a door is left open

Use the rehearsed reset cue, move people apart without grabbing at the dog and change the physical system before repeating the routine.



Digital workflow

- 1 Complete one plan per home or private place.
- 2 Save a redacted visitor version without certificate or personal data.
- 3 Use calendar notes for planned visitors and the named adult.
- 4 Update the plan when children grow, mobility changes or rooms are rearranged.

Print workflow

- 1 Print at 100% on A4.
- 2 Display the simple transition map where adults can see it.
- 3 Keep the detailed plan private.
- 4 Walk every visitor through the rules instead of expecting them to read unaided.

IMPORTANT BOUNDARY

Children must not be made responsible for monitoring or controlling the dog. Seek professional advice where behaviour, household layout or care needs create significant risk.

Official sources to check

GOV.UK - banned dogs and child supervision

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

Dogs Trust - dog and child safety

<https://www.dogstrust.org.uk/dog-advice/life-with-your-dog/at-home/dog-and-child-safety>

MY NEXT REVIEW DATE

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