



ALL UK TERRITORIES

XL Bully Public Walk Safety Card

A route, equipment and handler pre-flight check for lawful public walks, difficult environments and calm emergency turns.

WHY THIS EXISTS

A muzzle and lead are legal essentials, but safety also depends on fit, route visibility, distance, exits and a handler who has rehearsed the plan.

Start with the identity record

DOG NAME

HANDLER NAME (16+)

PLANNED ROUTE

PLANNED TIME

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Print: use A4 at 100%, complete it during the real routine and replace superseded personal-data pages.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

EMERGENCY TURN CUE

TRIGGERS / SAFE DISTANCE

EXIT / BARRIER OPTIONS

WHAT I WILL CHANGE NEXT TIME

Only tick what you physically checked

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Certificate details accessible

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Basket muzzle fit checked

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Lead and clips sound

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Spare equipment packed

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Water / weather checked

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Route visibility checked

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Exit options identified

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Handler briefing complete

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 new person will walk the dog

Use the card for a practical rehearsal and confirm age, equipment use, route and emergency actions before responsibility transfers.

2

The usual route is disrupted

Choose an alternative with space and exits instead of improvising beside roadworks, crowds or off-lead dogs.

3

Muzzle fit has changed

Stop and reassess if it rubs, blocks a full pant or can be removed; do not solve poor fit by overtightening.

4

Hot weather changes risk

Move or cancel the walk, select shade and water, and prioritise breathing and cooling rather than completing a planned distance.

5

The dog reacts at a greater distance

Record the new threshold, increase space and consider pain, stress or environmental change with qualified help.

6

An off-lead dog approaches

Use the rehearsed exit, barrier and clear verbal request; avoid wrapping the lead around a hand or creating a confrontation.

7

A clip or strap is damaged

Do not begin a public walk relying on compromised equipment; use the checked spare or postpone.

8

A near miss occurs

Record facts after reaching safety, identify which layer failed and change the next setup rather than blaming the dog.



Digital workflow

- 1 Complete a route template on your phone before leaving.
- 2 Save separate copies for regular routes and handlers.
- 3 Use the notes to record distance and recovery, not emotional labels.
- 4 Print the compact card from page four for offline access.

Print workflow

- 1 Print at 100% on A4.
- 2 Laminate or protect the pocket card only after details are final.
- 3 Use a fresh walk-review sheet when patterns change.
- 4 Keep emergency contacts readable and current.

IMPORTANT BOUNDARY

A muzzle reduces bite risk but does not make a distressed dog comfortable. Create distance, avoid forced encounters and seek qualified help for significant reactivity or aggression.

Official sources to check

Dogs Trust - muzzle training

<https://www.dogstrust.org.uk/dog-advice/training/outdoors/muzzle-training>

Dogs Trust - reactive dogs

<https://www.dogstrust.org.uk/dog-advice/training/unwanted-behaviours/reactive-dog>

MY NEXT REVIEW DATE

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