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Dear [Redacted],

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: XL Bully Ban Exemption Data.**

Thank you for your request for information of 19 November 2023 about XL Bully ban exemption data. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

*Under the freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I am seeking information about the number of exemptions applied for under the XL Bully ban between the day when registrations were opened (31st October 2023) and up to the point at which you can respond.*

*Specifically I need*

- 1) *The number of exemptions applied for*
- 2) *How many have been successful.*
- 3) *How many have been denied*
- 4) *Total revenue generated by non-refundable fee*

The exemption scheme opened for applications on the 14 November 2023. Please note that the information we have outlined below ranges between 14 November 2023 – 20 November 2023 (the date of your request).

We can confirm that the number of applications received as of 20 November 2023 is 1846.

The number of certifications issued as of 20 November is 349.

The number of applications rejected as of 20 November is 0.

The total revenue generated by the non-refundable application fee as of 20 November is £162,624.

The application fee covers the administrative costs for the lifetime of the dog. This includes, but is not limited to, record management, data auditing, data reporting and sharing data for enforcement purposes.



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We attach Annex A, explaining the copyright that applies to the information being released to you, and Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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## Annex A

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