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Dear Redacted ,

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: XL Bully Registration Applications

Thank you for your request for information of 27 December 2024 about XL Bully registration applications. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

We enclose a copy of the information you requested:

- 1. How many applications have been received for dogs to be exempted from the XL Bully ban since 21st November 2023 until present?*
- 2. How many applications for exemption have been rejected since 21st November 2023 until present?*
- 3. Please list the grounds for rejections along with the number of rejections for each ground.*

The exemption scheme opened for applications on the 14 November 2023. Please note that the information we have outlined below covers the time period 14 November 2023 to 27 December 2023 (the date on which we received your request).

We can confirm that the number of applications received as of 27 December 2023 was 11,073.

The number of applications rejected as of 27 December 2023 was 1,560.

The grounds for each rejection, and the number of rejections for each ground as of 27 December 2024 is as follows:

Payment reference not provided: 1,307

Payment reference is a duplicate of a previous application: 234

Third party insurance start date is after 1 February 2024: 19

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

Yours sincerely

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Annex A

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