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Dear [Redacted]

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Applications for XL bully type dogs**

Thank you for your request for information of 1 February 2024 about applications for XL bully type dogs. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

*1. How many XL bullies have applied for exemption and had this granted?*

The information you have requested here, as at 1 February 2024, can be viewed at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/exempt-dogs-by-breed-including-xl-bully-foi202402479>

As the information is reasonably accessible to you by other means, section 21 of the FOIA exempts Defra from providing a copy of the information with this response to your request.

*2. How many XL bully types have been euthanized?*

We do not hold data on the total number of XL Bully type dogs that have been euthanised. However, we can confirm that as of 1 February, we had received 202 valid applications for compensation of XL bully type dogs that have been euthanised.

*3. How much compensation have DEFRA paid out for XL bully types being killed?*

As of 1 February, Defra had paid a total of £29,800 under the XL bully compensation scheme.

Please note that all figures in this response are as of 1 February 2024. The work processing applications for the XL Bully type is not yet finalised and, therefore, these figures are subject to change. We will also be looking to publish a final figure shortly on Defra's GOV.UK website here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>



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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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