

# Transition period for XL Bully owners begins

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has announced that [further legislation to ban XL Bully type dogs has come into effect today \(14 November\)](#), as the transition period for owners to apply for an exemption scheme begins.

During the transition period, which runs from now until 31 January 2024, owners who wish to keep their dogs must apply to an exemption scheme. [Applications for exemption certificates are now open](#).

After the transition period, owners without a Certificate of Exemption could receive a criminal record and an unlimited fine if they are found to be in possession of an XL Bully type.

During the transition period, owners who no longer wish to keep their dogs and who arrange for a vet to euthanise them may apply for compensation towards this. [Owners and their vets will need to complete a form in order to make a claim](#)