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**Apply for a Certificate of Exemption to keep an XL Bully dog in Northern Ireland**

**Your details**

Name

Address

Postcode

Do you live in Northern Ireland? Yes  No

Date of birth (Use DD/MM/YYYY format)

Phone number

Email address

**Dog details**

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|  | **Name of dog** | **Date of Birth of dog** (Estimate the date if you don’t know it) | **Colour of dog** | **Sex of dog**  (Male or Female) | **Is your dog neutered?**  (Yes or No) | **Microchip Number**  (Leave blank if the dog is not microchipped) | **Licence Number** | **Insurance policy start date/Dogs Trust Companion Club membership start date** (DD/MM/YY) |
| **Dog 1** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Dog 2** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Dog 3** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Dog 4** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Dog 5** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Dog 6** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Certificate of Exemption requirements**

You must:

1. Keep the dog at the same address as the certificate holder, except for a maximum of 30 days in a year.

2. Notify any change of address, excluding changes within the 30-day period mentioned above.

3. Notify of the dog's death or export.

4. Maintain suitable third-party insurance for the lifetime of the dog.

5. Keep the dog muzzled and on a lead in public places. Muzzling must adequately prevent biting, and the lead must be held by someone at least 16 years old.

6. Keep the dog in sufficiently secure conditions to prevent the dog's escape.

7. Provide access for reading the dog's microchip upon request by an Enforcement Officer.

8. Provide confirmation of suitable third-party insurance to an Enforcement Officer within 5 days of their request.

9. Provide the Certificate of Exemption to an Enforcement Officer within 5 days of their request.

10. If the dog is older than 18 months on 31 December 2024 provide evidence that the dog is neutered by 30 June 2025 or within one month of the dog reaching this age.

11. Provide a microchip number by 31 March 2025, if not given at the time of application, unless the dog is exempt.

**Declaration**

I understand the requirements listed above must be complied with throughout the lifetime of the dog, or by the date specified in the condition, for the dog to remain exempted.

I understand that I must not do any of the following in relation to the dog:

* breed from it
* sell or exchange it
* advertise or expose it for sale, give it as a gift, or advertise it as a gift
* abandon it or allow it to stray

I acknowledge that providing false details or failing to comply with the Certificate of Exemption requirements will invalidate the certificate, and the dog will not be exempt from the prohibition. In such cases, I may face prosecution, and the dogs mentioned in this application may be seized and destroyed.

Signature

Date of signature

**Methods of payment**

**The fee for a Certificate of Exemption is £92.40. This should be paid at the time of application, by one of the following methods;**

**By Cheque**

Make your cheque payable to: Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council

You must attach the tear off slip with your certificate of exemption application.

**By Debit or Credit Card**

Payment by debit or credit card can be made by calling 028 9244 7397