

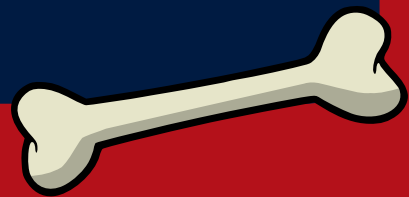
UNLEASHING THE TRUTH

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT XL BULLY DOGS AND IRISH DOG LAWS..



IN RECENT YEARS, THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF TALK ABOUT DOG BREEDS AND THE RULES THAT APPLY TO THEM, ESPECIALLY REGARDING XL BULLIES. FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE OWNERS IN IRELAND, IT'S IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND THE LAWS ABOUT THESE DOGS.

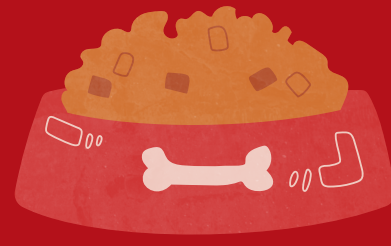
THIS DISCUSSION WAS ACCELERATED DUE TO THE TRAGIC DEATH OF **NICOLE MOREY** IN JUNE OF 2024. NICOLE WAS KILLED BY HER DOGS, INCLUDING AN XL BULLY DOG ON HER RETURN HOME FROM CELEBRATING HER 23RD BIRTHDAY.



We all love our furry friends, but rising reports of dogs turning on their owners are raising alarms. It's time for change! Let's dive into the new Irish laws aimed at regulating dangerous dogs...



OWNING A DOG...



WE SOMETIMES FORGET THAT OWNING A DOG IS A BIG COMMITMENT! IF IT IS YOUR DOG, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. YOU MUST HAVE A DOG LICENSE AND GET YOUR DOG MICROCHIPPED!

- Your dog cannot be a nuisance to others
- You must follow the rules about where dogs are welcome
- Your dog should be kept on a lead in public places.

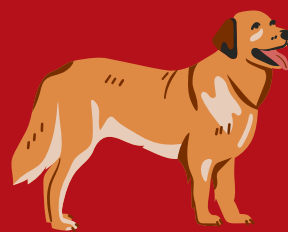
WHAT IS AN XL BULLY?

The XL Bully, or American Bully XL, is a muscular breed known for its loyalty and protective nature.

However, its strength has raised concerns about aggressive behavior, sparking calls for stricter regulations.



DANGEROUS DOGS LIST:



THE FOLLOWING BREEDS ARE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN IRISH LEGISLATION AS BEING CONSIDERED DANGEROUS:

- American Pit Bull Terrier
- Japanese Tosa
- Doberman Pinscher
- Rottweiler
- Bull Mastiff
- German Shepherd
- Akita
- Staffordshire Bull Terrier



Though XL Bullies aren't officially listed, their physical resemblance to certain breeds puts them under scrutiny.

This means owners can face consequences for any aggressive behaviour.





THE UPCOMING BANS...



FROM THE **1ST OF OCTOBER 2024**, IT IS ILLEGAL TO IMPORT, BREED, REHOME OR RESELL AN XL BULLY DOG



FROM **1ST FEBRUARY 2025**, IT WILL BE ILLEGAL TO OWN AN XL BULLY UNLESS YOU HAVE A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION[★]



A **certificate of exemption** is issued by the Local Authority and allows the owner of an XL Bully to keep that dog at a particular premises until the natural end of the dogs life.

IF YOU DON'T HAVE A CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTION FOR YOUR XL BULLY DOG BY THE 1ST OF FEBRUARY 2025, YOUR DOG CAN BE SEIZED AND PUT DOWN.



BREAKING THE RULES...

IF YOU BREAK THE RULES OF THE XL BULLY DOG BAN, YOU COULD BE:

1

Fined up to €2,500

2

Imprisoned for up to 3 months

3

Both fined and imprisoned

LOCAL AUTHORITIES CAN CREATE BYE-LAWS TO REGULATE DOG CONTROL IN THEIR AREA.

IF YOU RECEIVE AN ON-THE-SPOT FINE, IT'S ISSUED IMMEDIATELY. YOU HAVE A LIMITED TIME TO PAY; FAILURE TO DO SO MAY LEAD TO PROSECUTION.

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5'8"

5'6"

5'4"

5'2"

