*This is a template letter which you can use if you would like to ask your housing provider to accept your exempted dog.*

*Where there is text in italics, put in the details for your own situation, and take out the prompts and suggestions.*

Dear *[name]*

I am a tenant and write to ask that my dog *[name]* is given permission to live with me.

Although I have an American Bully XL type dog (which has recently been added to the list of banned breeds under the Dangerous Dogs Act), my dog *[name]* is allowed to live with me as I have a Certificate of Exemption.

In order to get my Certificate of Exemption so my dog can stay with me, I have had to show that I am a responsible dog owner by complying with certain conditions.

These include my dog being kept on a lead and muzzled at all times when in public and my dog must be kept in a secure place so they cannot escape. I must also have third party liability insurance against my dog injuring other people. A full list of the conditions of my dog being allowed to stay with me are on the Government website.

I have also taken the following steps *[delete as appropriate]:*

* *My dog has been neutered.*
* *My dog’s microchip is registered to me.*
* *I have attended muzzle training.*
* *I have attended [1:1/group] training sessions [detail what these have focused on and include information on what your dog is good at and how this is applied in the community/at home, e.g. visitor training].*
* *I have a pet CV with additional information about my dog [attach your pet CV with this letter].*
* *I have a reference from my previous landlord to show that my dog has caused no issues when living with me [attach your reference with this letter].*

It is really important that my dog is allowed to live with me in my accommodation.

*[If you can, say something about why your pet will not inconvenience others, e.g.*

*“Bella is a very well-trained and gentle dog and is very safe to be around. She doesn’t bark and won’t disturb other people. She has never damaged any furniture and I will make sure I properly clean any property we move to when I leave.”]*

Please let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

*[name]*