

## **Template 1 - If you want a meeting (we recommend this!)**

**Email Subject:** *Dog attacks solution – Meeting request.*

Dear [*\*MP name\**],

I would like to book a meeting with you at your next constituency surgery to discuss the recent announcements made by the Prime Minister regarding the 'XL Bully' dog.

I live in your constituency and my postcode is: [*\*insert postcode only. You need to do this for your letter to be read\**].

I would also like you, as my MP, to write to RT Hon Therese Coffey as her remit as Minister of DEFRA with regards to the recent/impending ban on the 'XL Bully' dog.

I would like to make you aware that the Dog Control Coalition, consisting of the RSPCA, The Kennel Club, The British Veterinary Association and more are all urging the government to look at an alternative. Now is the time to review this unworkable law that focuses on the physical appearance of a dog, rather than behaviour.

Licensing is a proven model in other countries such as New Zealand, Germany and Italy. Licensing has been found to reduce dog bites by 80% and the model is also self funded which is in the tax payers interest.

*\*Insert anything personal about why you don't support the ban here such as:\**

- *\*What breed you own, especially if you have a different breed\**
- *\*Mental health impact on yourself, family.\**
- *\*How you take responsible dog ownership seriously.\**
- *\*Any experiences with other breeds that support the argument that a breed ban isn't the answer.\**

I would also like to make you aware of the government petition against the ban which stands at +500,000 signatures: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/643611>

There is no denying that there is a dog problem in the UK, particularly since the pandemic where the dog population has grown exponentially. I look to you as my MP to think about a better solution for the future, rather than a knee jerk reaction that will not address the root cause and problem.

Please advise me of your next available appointment and I look forward to discussing this with you more in person.

Kind regards,

[Your Name]