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ITALY SCRAPS DANGEROUS DOG BLACKLIST



(ANSA) - Rome, March 3 - Italy is to scrap its blacklist of dangerous dogs, replacing it with a law making owners more responsible

for their pet`s training and behaviour, Health Undersecretary Francesca Martini said Tuesday. The new law, which will come into effect in April, will wipe clean the current list of 17 breeds which are considered potentially dangerous, including Rottweilers, pit bull terriers, bull mastiffs and American bulldogs. Under the current law, owners of these

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obligatory for owners to keep these pets muzzled in public.

The law also requires dog owners to keep their pets on a lead at all times in urban areas as well as to pick up their dog`s mess, and to carry a muzzle with them in case of need.

It also forbids training dogs to be aggressive using sticks and protective body gear, doping, surgery that is not for health purposes and dangerous cross-breeding.

Carlo Scotti, the president of the National Association of Italian Vets (ANMVI), praised the new law and said courses for dog owners were crucial.

`` Before taking on a certain breed of dog, the owner should follow a course to understand its behaviour and how to deal with it,`` he said.

Scotti added that recent cases of dog aggression were the result of `` the incapacity of the owner in controlling certain breeds ``.

`` Choosing a 90 kg dog like a Neapolitan mastiff without being properly prepared, for example, is like giving a Ferrari to someone who has just passed their driving licence,`` he said.

The idea of scrapping the dangerous breeds blacklist has in the past come under fire from consumer group Codacons,

which claims that the number of dog attacks has fallen dramatically since its introduction in 2004.

Last month Codacons appealed to Martini not to scrap the list but instead widen it to include Neapolitan mastiffs after a ten-month-old child was mauled to death by a family pet near Rome.

``There are some breeds that remain potentially much more dangerous than others because of their strength and their powerful jaws,`` the association said at the time.

``But Martini continues on her ideological battle in favour of dogs, failing to understand that it`s absolutely normal for a dog to bite a human, as is demonstrated by the 191 bites that happen every day``.

Photo: A Neapolitan mastiff.

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