

**Question for written answer E-003444/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Mandatory licences for dangerous dog breeds

Pet dogs are regrettably involved in more and more attacks on people – and in the worst-case scenarios these are fatal. One such incident occurred last month in Pavia, where an 86-year-old pensioner was killed by her neighbour's pitbull.

According to Codacons, dogs were responsible for 70 000 attacks of varying severity on humans in 2019, an average of around 190 a day. However, current Member State rules are not fit for purpose, as they do not go beyond requiring the use of muzzles and leashes in public places.

Articles 2 and 35 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union guarantee not only the right to life, but also the right to a high level of human health protection.

Because of this, an EU-wide prevention strategy geared towards limiting attacks and unjustifiable deaths is necessary.

Given the above:

1. Will the Commission draw up a joint European plan with a view to making dog training courses mandatory for owners of the most aggressive types of dog?
2. Will training be made a prerequisite for the most dangerous types of dog, for which a licence would then be issued?

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