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Materiali per una storia del lupo (*Canis lupus*).
Alcuni documenti, legislativi e amministrativi,
emanati in Piemonte, Toscana, Campania e Francia
nel XVII, XVIII, XIX e XX secolo

ABSTRACT - *Materials for a wolf history (Canis lupus). Some documents, legal and administrative, issued in Piedmont. Tuscany, Campania and France in the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th centuries.*

Nine official documents of legal and administrative origin, issued in the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th centuries in Piedmont, Tuscany, Campania and France, are taken into account as useful tools to reconstruct the history of wolf and especially its relationship with the human community.

The announcement “New extension of Game reserve of Cerreto”, issued in Florence on 18th May 1634, established the extension of the boundaries of the Game reserve of Cerreto, specifying moreover that within the new boundaries hunting some species considered to be “vermin”, such as wolves, was not forbidden.

The Edict of Francesco III Grand Duke of Tuscany, issued in Florence in 1744, defined several privileges in favour of “lupai” (professional hunters of wolves).

The Notification of Francesco Gerolamo Tapparello, Gran Veneur of His Majesty and Governor of Venaria Reale, issued on 6th June 1759 in Turin, modified the amount of prizes in money for the shooting down of vermin animals; prizes related to all listed species were halved with the exception of those related to wolves that were doubled.

The three Tuscan legal dispositions issued in Florence on 21th July 1778, 28th August 1805 and 4th October 1806, legalised wolf hunting by any means and at any time and place; moreover with the Edicts of 1805 and 1806 it was established that hunters had to act in groups of eight and that all privileges in favour of “lupai” (professional hunters that were engaged to exterminate wolves) established during the previous legislations were reconfirmed.

The French form of 1815 is mainly interesting because it witnesses the possibility given to mayors to enjoin citizens for hunting games of wolves.

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