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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on combating the abandonment and mistreatment of animals

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on combating the abandonment and mistreatment of animals

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 13 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas animal welfare must be a priority and the mistreatment of animals should carry stiffer penalties;
- B. whereas shelters are finding it increasingly difficult to cope with the large numbers of animals which are abandoned;
- C. having regard to the problems caused by stray cats and dogs in some Member States;
 1. Calls on the Commission and on the Member States to ensure that those who mistreat animals face penalties commensurate with the seriousness of their crimes;
 2. Calls on the Commission and on the Member States to launch a campaign to raise public awareness of the commitment that comes with owning a pet and to support other initiatives in the field, particularly those run by charities and in schools;
 3. Encourages the Member States and the Commission to establish a system for monitoring dog breeding and sales, so as to track shipments of dogs between Member States and combat illegal networks.