

**Question for written answer E-002610/2016/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Dog welfare in Romania

Romania has a stray dog population of 3 million, with many suffering from starvation and being held in inhumane conditions. My constituents are concerned that EU money given to Romania is being used to destroy these dogs.

Can the Commission give absolute assurance that any money given to Romania by the EU is not being used for the purpose of destroying healthy dogs?

What steps does the Commission take to ensure that taxpayers' money is not being spent on facilitating animal cruelty in Romanian animal pounds and shelters or facilitating the destruction of dogs?