

**Question for written answer E-004111/2016/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Stray animals and the management of kennels

Problems relating to stray animals, animal abuse and the mismanagement of kennels are common and widespread in several Member States.

The European Convention for the Protection of Pet Animals of 13 November 1987 remains, to date, the only multilateral agreement on the matter. However, the Convention does not grant any sanctioning powers, nor has it been signed or ratified by all Member States.

Despite being one of the Convention's signatory countries, Italy has proven incapable of dealing with the problem of stray dogs and the related management of kennels efficiently. In Puglia, Campania and Sicily the stray dog issue is posing a real threat to public health and safety.

In the light of Article 13 TFEU and of the European Parliament's resolution of July 2012 (2012/2670 (RSP), will the Commission adopt strategies with a view to safeguarding and protecting stray animals, in addition to ensuring that kennels are better managed?