

**Question for written answer P-001882/2018  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Clarification of the difference between stray and feral cats

Charities, rescuers and veterinarians seeking to enhance the legal protection of cats make a distinction between feral and stray cats, stating that the definitions are not interchangeable.

Stray cats are socialised cats now living outside a home, but which might potentially be reintroduced into a home environment, whereas feral cats have not been socialised.

Can the Commission clarify its definitions of stray and feral cats, and indicate whether it recognises that a nuanced position is required to improve the welfare of cats living outside the home?