

**Petition 1234/2011 by Marja Kokkonen (Finnish), on the ill-treatment of dogs and cats in Barlad, Romania**

The petitioner deplors the way stray dogs are being treated in Barlad. The petitioner refers to links with photos showing how dog catchers capture the animals, often hurting them. Although Romania has received European funds to resolve the situation, nothing has changed regarding the situation of stray dogs, and the money has ended up in the pockets of the authorities. The petitioner considers that it is unacceptable that an EU member state can still treat animals in this manner in the 21st century and she is requesting an investigation on how pets without an owner are being treated in Romania.

**Information**

- Petition 0595/2011 concerned a similar issue and was processed as shown below.

**Recommendations**

- Declare admissible;
- ask the Commission for information.