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## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 120 of the Rules of Procedure  
on the professionalism of dog trainers

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the professionalism of dog trainers**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 120 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, under the Treaty of Lisbon, animals are regarded as sentient beings and no longer as objects;
- B. whereas, in Europe, the number of dogs used for specific functions, such as pet therapy in its various forms, keeping lonely people company, rescuing persons in distress, etc., is on the increase;
- C. whereas educating humans and dogs to live together is becoming increasingly important and, in some regions of the EU, dogs are being forcibly removed from organised crime and have to be re-educated to become non-aggressive;
- D. whereas the rehabilitation of difficult animals through training and education helps to prevent abandonment and the scourge of stray dogs;
- E. having regard to, for the reasons set out above, the increase in the number of dog trainers and the need for specific professional requirements to prevent abuse and fraud;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to consider the need to identify common characteristics to determine the professionalism of dog trainers and breeders, given that dogs can move freely within the EU Member States and be used by private or public institutions according to the specific training they have received.