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on the welfare of pets and stray animals

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Written declaration on the welfare of pets and stray animals

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the European Convention for the Protection of Pet Animals (CETS No.125),
 - having regard to Rule 116 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas there is no uniform or specific text relating to the protection of pets and stray animals that applies to all the Member States,
- B. whereas the European Convention for the Protection of Pet Animals is incomplete and has not been signed by all the Member States,
- C. whereas in many Member States there are still cases of mistreatment of pets and stray or abandoned animals,
1. Calls on the EU to introduce measures to ensure that Member States impose severe punishments on people who abandon or mistreat a pet or a stray animal, and to mandate Member States to put in place a system of management at national level for collection, sterilisation and vaccination;
 2. Calls on the Commission and Council to call upon all the Member States to sign the European Convention for the Protection of Pet Animals and to adopt the new measures;
 3. Calls on the Commission and Council to sanction any Member States that fail to comply with the above Convention and the new measures to be adopted;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this declaration, together with the names of the signatories, to the parliaments of the Member States, the Council and the Commission.