

**Question for written answer E-004689/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Chaining of dogs in the EU

Chaining of dogs is still a common practice in a number of EU Member States.

However, the European Convention for the Protection of Pet Animals, clearly states in Article 3(1) that:
'Nobody shall cause a pet animal unnecessary pain, suffering or distress.'

Can the Commission specify whether it will encourage the banning of this practice in all EU Member States through its animal welfare policy?