

**Question for written answer E-6125/2010
to the Commission**

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Subject: Correction of Commissioner Dalli's reply on animal welfare

In his reply to Mr Migalski's Written Question E-2915/2010 on trafficking of animals within the Community, Mr Dalli said that the European Parliament, through the report on evaluation and assessment of the Animal Welfare Plan 2006-2010, has clearly expressed its wish to see the adoption of a general EU animal welfare law that will encompass all animals.

We are asking the Commission about this unfounded, inaccurate reply. In paragraph 23 of Marit Paulsen's non-legislative own-initiative report, Parliament observes that Article 13 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union applies to all livestock and animals in captivity.

Thus Parliament is not asking the Commission to draw up general EU animal welfare legislation applicable to all animals. On the contrary, as it considers that Article 13 only applies to livestock and animals in captivity, it rejects this idea.

Moreover, this request is based on Article 13, which covers any initiative relating to the implementation of EU policy in the areas of agriculture, fisheries, transport, the internal market, research and technological development and space.

Does the Commission acknowledge the misinterpretation of Marit Paulsen's own-initiative report in the reply given by Mr Dalli?