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The Commission does not possess information on the number of dog breeding centres in the EU.

Directive 86/609/EEC¹, on the protection of animals used for experimental and other scientific purposes, will be repealed by Directive 2010/63/EU² taking effect from 1 January 2013. Directive 2010/63/EU establishes measures which protect animals that are used in scientific procedures, and includes within its scope the operations of breeders, suppliers and users of animals.

According to the provisions of this Directive the breeding of dogs, or indeed cats or non-human primates for scientific purposes is not forbidden. However, all use of animals for scientific purposes must comply with the provisions set out in the Directive. With the new Directive these include binding standards for the housing and care of animals.

The national authorities competent for Directives 86/609/EEC and its replacement, 2010/63/EU, are responsible for enforcing EU law in their respective territories and thus controlling the correct application and compliance of the provisions of the Directive.

¹ OJ L 358, 18.12.1986

² OJ L 276, 20.10.2010