

**Question for written answer E-007412/2012  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Mistreatment of stray animals in Member States

A number of constituents have written to me regarding the need for European legislation on dog and cat welfare. In certain Member States there are complaints of mistreatment of stray cats and dogs and a lack of welfare concern for these animals.

Does the Commission intend to put forward legislation to address dog and cat welfare on an EU-wide basis?