

**Question for written answer E-010898/2013  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Stray animals and protection of pet animals in Romania

Over the past few days, the public has proved to be particularly sensitive to the issue of the 'dog-killing law' adopted by the Romanian parliament, which requires stray dogs to be killed 14 days after their capture.

Romania has not complied with the European Convention for the Protection of Pet Animals, and in particular the following articles:

- Article 11: Killing
- Article 12: Reduction of numbers
- Article 13: Exceptions for capture, keeping and killing.

Written declaration 26/2011 on dog population management in the European Union should also be borne in mind.

The Romanian law appears (for the time being) to have been suspended following the appeal lodged by a group of senators on 16 September before the Constitutional Court.

Does the Commission intend to launch a debate on the practical implementation of common rules requiring the Member States to afford greater protection to pets, clarifying and paying particular attention to the situation of stray animals?