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Answer given by Ms Kyriakides
on behalf of the European Commission
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1. The European Convention on the protection of pet animals (CETS No 125)¹ is an initiative managed by the Council of Europe and to which the EU is not a party.

2. Under the existing EU animal welfare legislation, the welfare of dogs is regulated only in limited circumstances, in particular during transport in connection with an economic activity. Any remaining aspects concerning the welfare of dogs is subject to Member States' national legislation. Regarding possible future developments in this area, currently the Commission is planning to revise the EU legislation on animal welfare by the end of 2023 and is considering options in order to develop further requirements for the welfare of companion animals.

¹ <https://rm.coe.int/168007a67d>