

**Question for written answer P-002466/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Keeping of wild animals

Directive 1999/22/EC, relating to the keeping of wild animals in zoos, requires all licensed zoos to provide proper care for animals and to maintain a high standard of animal husbandry.

A horrifying news story emerged recently regarding a healthy giraffe which was killed in Copenhagen Zoo without any intervention by the Danish authorities.

1. Are zoos permitted to kill any animal under their care without good reason? Can zoos in all countries decide whether their animals live or die?
2. Could the Commission confirm that 'wild animals in captivity' will be included in the scope of the proposed European Animal Welfare Framework Law?
3. Could the Commission confirm that the EU Zoo Guidance Document, which I understand is soon to be completed, includes the recommendation that euthanasia of animals in zoos should only be exercised when an animal is suffering from an incurable disease or severe pain which cannot be alleviated?