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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 120 of the Rules of Procedure
on dealing with the problem of stray animals

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on dealing with the problem of stray animals

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 120 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, despite an increase in the number of adoptions from animal shelters, the problem of stray animals is still far from solved in the EU;
- B. whereas the control methods used to date – most of which involve capture and sterilisation – have failed to stem the problem;
- C. whereas some Member States have employed drastic measures, including euthanasia;
- D. whereas Article 13 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union requires the EU and Member States to ‘pay full regard to the welfare requirements of animals’, since they are sentient beings; whereas EU animal welfare legislation covers a range of issues including breeding, slaughter and scientific research, but still contains no provisions on stray animals;
- E. whereas, according to recent estimates, there are more than 100 million pets in the EU;
 1. Calls on the Commission to draw up general guidelines on dealing with the problem of stray animals in accordance with general animal welfare principles;
 2. Calls on the Member States to use part of their structural funding to address the problem of stray animals, focusing first and foremost on the areas in which the problem is most acute.