

**Question for written answer E-001104/2025/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
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Subject: Management of stray animals in the EU

Protecting stray animals is of vital importance to their welfare and to public health in the European Union. Article 13 of the TFEU recognises that animals are ‘sentient beings’ and the Commission recently put forward a proposal for a Regulation on the welfare of dogs and cats and their traceability’ with the aim of establishing a single legislative framework for ensuring animal welfare and the uniform and more effective management of animals across all Member States. However, the current lack of a common legislative framework means there are significant discrepancies between national policies, with some states having developed systematic actions to monitor and care for stray animals, while others, such as Greece, continue to face challenges due to limited resources and the failure to properly implement protection measures.

In view of the above, can the Commission say:

1. How does it intend to manage stray animals in the EU that do not live in shelters? Are there plans for a single policy on sterilising, keeping a record of and protecting stray animals with a view to ensuring their well-being and preventing abandonment?
2. What EU financial instruments can be used to manage and protect stray animals and is the Commission considering the possibility of setting up a funding mechanism to support targeted actions in this field?

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