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- via e-mail -

Dear President von der Leyen,

Animal welfare is a very high priority for us. While the level of protection in Europe is higher than in the rest of the world and we can be justifiably proud of this, there is unfortunately still a need to catch up in some areas. This includes, for example, the protection of companion animals such as dogs and cats.

We MEPs are not alone in this view: in a Eurobarometer survey published on 19 October 2023, more than 74% of respondents said that the level of protection for companion animals should be raised.

Because in Europe, unscrupulous, illegal traders and breeders are still profiting at the expense of animals. We have pointed this out several times at regional, national and EU level. Most recently, in 2020, Parliament called on the Commission to take action on this issue in a motion for a resolution.

We would like to encourage the use of the planned revision of the EU animal welfare legislation announced for 2023 as an opportunity to call for targeted measures for better protection of pets. We ask you to put forward a proposal for the protection of companion animals during transport to finally put an end to illegal puppy traders and to consider additional measures as mentioned in the Resolution.

Kind regards,

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