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The European Citizens' Initiative „Ethics for Animals and Kids“

What are you signing for?

- A humane, cost effective street dog management programme in EU countries such as Romania and Bulgaria
- A programme which has been proven in Oradea, Romania and in Istanbul, Turkey to reduce loose dog numbers by over 90% without killing a single healthy, harmless street animal
- Temporary national Neuter, Vaccinate and Return programmes in backward EU countries including free neutering and free rabies vaccination
- Safeguarding the psychological health of children and adults confronted by animal abuse
- Reduction of the brutalisation of people caused by seeing terrified animals caught by uncompassionate workers and transported illegally to death-camps
- Elimination of road accidents caused by dogs and of dead dogs on the roads
- The promotion of responsible dog ownership
- The promotion of open dog shelters as a temporary, humane, cheap solution, especially for shy, sick and old dogs, as part of a practical integrated solution for developing countries
- The elimination of, and criminal prosecution for, animal abuse on Europe's streets
- The elimination of dog fights, sex with animals and other abuses
- A halt to the waste of taxpayers' money on futile Catch & Kill campaigns
- The prohibition of the use of dogs, cats and hamsters for fur, for food and in scientific experiments (unless unavoidable to cure to fatal diseases)
- Humane, transparent animal shelters and adoption centres
- A stop to political parties and their business-friends making money from the "let reproduce and then kill" scam in some towns
- The improvement of countries as holiday destinations by humanely reducing the number of animals loose on the streets
- The reduction of discrimination against citizens of Eastern European countries whose authorities are perceived as brutal and uncompassionate towards animals
- The promotion of compassion for people and animals as a basic principle of the European Union.

[Further details and the legal basis of our Petition are available on <http://efak4.eu/> and on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/efak4EU> including evidence of the health, economic and humane benefits of the Surplus Animal Control measures we advocate].

- **Our demands are based partly on Art. 156 of the TFEU (Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union).**

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The EU is empowered to take action even in matters outside its normal competence; if problems outside its area of authority affect matters within its competence, the EU must commission a scientific review by making studies, delivering opinions and arranging consultations. This will show what extensions of the EU's authority are necessary to realise the EU's aims. Within this framework we have applied for the completion of various studies, for example: on the supposed necessity of killing to complement Neuter & Return as mistakenly recommended by the OIE; on the psychological effects on citizens of employing violence as an attempted solution and on the psychological damage caused by animal abuse generally; on the supposed hereditary potential for aggression of certain dog breeds as assumed by some countries; on animal experimentation to be used only if investigations show it to be absolutely necessary to save lives; on political-scientific opinions with regard to enhanced European integration by creating minimum ethical standards for the treatment of defenceless sentient beings. Furthermore all these questions should at the same time be delegated to an Ethics Commission.

- Our demands are apolitical and accord with all religious doctrines, cultural traditions and local heritage.
- The background is the consistent failure over the last 20 years of the Romanian and other EU governments to get to grips with their problems of surplus companion animals, resulting in practice in the barbaric and illegal killing or starving of these animals behind closed doors in municipal death-camps. Children in EU countries must witness mistreatment of animals which would be censored (in order to prevent psychological damage and brutalisation) if shown in a film or on TV.
- **Important:**
Only EU citizens (nationals of a member state), which are eligible to vote, can sign up, and they must sign on the corresponding document of their own home country. Citizens need to be 18, except if they are nationals of or residents in Austria, in which case they can be 16 (i.e. old enough to vote in European Parliament elections). An EU Citizen, who lives in another EU Country may choose between these member states, bearing in mind that he/she can sign up only once for an initiative.

With Kind Regards
Your Committee of the European Citizens' Initiative
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Note: this is for information only; we will inform you as soon as and when the EU declares our Initiative admissible so that you can register your signature!