Declaration on dog population management in the European Union

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The European Parliament adopted a declaration on dog population management in the European Union.

Given that in some Member States, stray animals pose a threat to public health and safety and that some Member States are taking extreme measures against stray animals, the European Parliament calls on the Member States to adopt comprehensive dog population management strategies which include measures such as:

- dog control and anti-cruelty laws,
- support for veterinary procedures including rabies vaccination and sterilisation as necessary to control the number of unwanted dogs,
- the promotion of responsible pet ownership.

It encourages the Commission to encourage the Member States to introduce the mandatory identification and registration of every dog, by means of EU-wide compatible systems, in order to avoid the spread of diseases.