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### **Welfare and management of stray dogs in Romania**

Dear Mr. Dr. Borg,

Berlin, 03.02.2014

herewith we adress to you with reference to the changed Romanian legislation on the stray dog population control enabling the systematic killing of healthy animals.

We are a German juridical association of Lawyers working for Animal Welfare.

As qualified lawyers we are familiar with the Treaty of Lisbon and well aware about the formal legal competences of your EU institution not including expressively the companion animals such as dogs and cats, except dogs, cats and ferrets in trade and transport. However we see in the recent development of the Member State Romania a severe negative development in the light of Art 13 TFEU, where all animals are sentient beings.

Der Verein ist durch vorläufige Bescheinigung des Finanzamtes Münster-Innenstadt (St-Nr.: 337/5975/0365) vom 25.11.2011 als gemeinnützig anerkannt.

Spenden und Beiträge sind steuerlich abzugsfähig.

We thank you for the reply to complaint CHAP (2013) 3076 published in the Official journal of the European Union (2013/C 343/10) of 23th November 2013.

Our position paper refers mainly on the Pet Convention of the Council of Europe and the terrestrial guidelines of the OIE, you adressd as well in the mentioned statement published in the Office journal.

We kindly ask your for consideration of our statement within your political scope of activities, and to take into account that the social development is clearly asking for a strong protection of also these animals in the currently prepared legislation procedure of the Animal Welfare Law and - in the meaning of responsible ownership also still in the running animal health regulation legislation procedure.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any further information. We are at your disposal to discuss this topic of the protection of companion animals in Europe and hope that our position paper will be considered in your political and future legislative animal welfare plans.

Sincerely yours

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