

This is a private initiative of the EU citizen, journalist and author Dipl. pol. sc. Univ. Astrid Pfeiffer (novel & children's book Winni Winzig / Wee Winnie), e-mail: winni@winni-winzig.com / www.winni-winzig.com. It is a plea for a humane treatment of the weak and for engaged citizenship! The objective is to create a EU wide program to reduce the stray dog and cat population by means of birth control instead of brutal elimination. The recipient is the President of the European Union Parliament.

Ms. Pfeiffer took an interim step in May of 2014 and presented symbolically in Brussels to the EU Chief of Staff, a petition with 13280 signatures. However the action continues, until the systematic treatment of the problem is guaranteed by the European Union.

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This is a call to our representatives in the European Parliament

to establish a

EU Working Group on Stray Animals







Due to the dramatic situation in some European countries, where the man's best friend, the dog, is massacred in tens of thousands (incl. private and peaceful street dogs of all breeds / sizes), effective measures should not be delayed! Dogs and cats are living on the streets, because the man has brought them there. It is our responsibility!

Participants:

Representatives of the political groups of the European Parliament and the EU Commission, veterinarians, animal welfare, the World Breeding Federation Dogs (FCI), the World Breeding Federation Cats (FIF), pet industry. To keep the working group small and able to work efficiently, other experts are to be invited on a case by case basis, i.e. representatives of national organizations and authorities, representatives of successful projects (best practice !).

Target:

Within 6 months the Working Group is to develop a strategy to assure that **WITHOUT ANY KILLING** within an appropriate time frame no more stray dogs and cats are living in the European streets to consequently ensure peaceful coexistence between man and dog/cat. Measures could include:

-  State-supported or at least tolerated / benevolently accompanied widespread neutering activities in all EU countries, supported by local vets
-  Obligation of the breed societies, to document the life of puppies as a „Lifetime Responsibility“ (analog to the product life cycle of goods in the EU) to ensure that dogs / cats are not being disposed of
-  Commitment of the breed associations, to encourage their members to neuter animals that are not needed for breeding
-  Commitment of the breeding associations, the veterinary professionals and the national governments to inform the owners of animals about affordable measures against unwanted proliferation and about ethical considerations
-  Government granting financial support to the neutering when owners are depending on social welfare (billing directly from the vet); capping of neutering costs
-  Obligation to microchip animals and free-of-charge registration of animal owners in an EU pet register

We all are Europeans, we are the European Union! It is our responsibility!

Let's be creative: We can change things!

