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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure

on the mistreatment of Spanish greyhounds (galgos) in Spain and the need for a large-scale education campaign

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the mistreatment of Spanish greyhounds (galgos) in Spain and the need for a large-scale education campaign

The European Parliament,

– having regard to its resolution of 4 July 2012 on the European Union Strategy for the Protection and Welfare of Animals 2012–2015,

– having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,

A. whereas hunting with greyhounds is traditional in some Spanish provinces but gives rise to unacceptable abuse;

B. whereas animal protection associations have been condemning the mistreatment of Spanish greyhounds (galgos) for several years now in the media;

C. whereas, under cover of a 'code of honour', some owners inflict terrible cruelty on their greyhounds (burns, beatings, etc.), abandon them in appalling *perreras* (dog pounds) or put them to death (often by hanging them);

D. whereas respect for the subsidiarity principle means that this matter is not governed by European Union legislation;

1. Calls on the Commission to take practical measures as part of its strategy for the welfare of pets (dogs and cats), providing support for animal and/or greyhound protection associations that are not only working to rescue animals but also setting up sound educational projects in Spain, designed for children in particular.

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