

**Question for written answer E-001476/2024/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
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Subject: Türkiye's new law on stray dogs

On 30 July, the Turkish Parliament adopted the 17 articles of a 'Proposal for the amendment of the Animal Protection Law' which lays down drastic measures to address the issue of stray dogs, of which there are estimated to be over four million in Turkey.

While the amended law requires Turkish municipalities to round up all strays and put them in shelters, it also obliges them to put down all those that are believed to be ill or potentially aggressive. The law also introduces prison sentences of up to two years for mayors who do not enact the measures concerning stray dogs for which it provides.

Can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. Does the Commission not fear that this law could lead to a massacre of stray dogs in Türkiye?
2. Does it not think that, by introducing prison sentences for mayors who do not comply with it, the law threatens to further undermine human and political rights in Türkiye?
3. Does it not consider this Turkish law to be incompatible with EU legislation on the protection of animals?

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