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Dear Sir,

Regarding stray dogs in Romania, the European Commission has a leading role to play. These sentient and intelligent animals cannot continue to be slaughtered in the streets of a European Union country as is the case today.

The common values ​​of the European Union regarding the animal and social issue have for several years gone in the direction of greater compassion, the change is reflected in the European legislation on a range of topics. In Romania, the implementation of the "Catch and Kill" plan was certainly intended to help the most vulnerable of the population. But the "spectacle" of these bloody acts by children is deleterious to their psychological development, in addition to being a direct attack on the sensitivity of the animals concerned.

Evidence of a causal link between animal and human abuse has been proven. Thus, it is of the utmost importance that the European Commission firmly tackle the problem without hiding behind any pretence.

I therefore endorse and join in with the requests of One Voice and the European Link Coalition, so that these stray animals in Romania are, without brutality, identified and sterilized. Violence against them must be condemned and not encouraged, for the benefit of all. European taxpayers' money cannot continue to finance such horrors that have such a negative impact on the minds of current and future citizens.

I beg you to consider, Mr Director, in the assurance of my respectful consideration.