

Welfare of Dogs and Cats

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Pet population in the EU:



72.7 million
Dogs

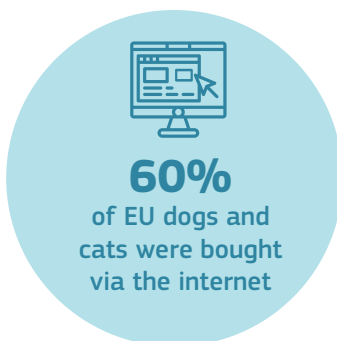
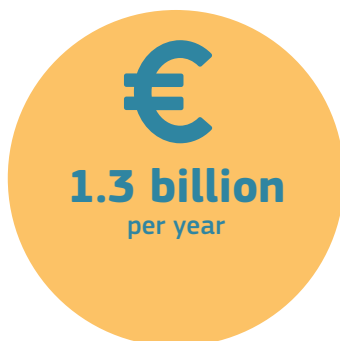


83.6 million
Cats



44%
of EU citizens own a pet
(Eurobarometer 2023)

Value of dogs and cats trade in the EU



74% of Europeans favour stronger animal
welfare standards for cats and dogs
(Eurobarometer 2023)



Risks from poor traceability and welfare in dogs and cats



Proposed rules for breeders, shelters and pet-shops

