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Subject: Draft REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on the welfare of dogs and cats and their traceability (**first reading**)
- Adoption of the legislative act
= Statements

**The Commission has requested that the following statements be entered
in the Council minutes**

The pet passport

The Commission considers positively the initiative of enabling of digitalising the pet passport established under the EU Animal Health Law. A detailed and comprehensive assessment of the technical and practical implications and modalities of such a digitalisation objective is to be carried out within 2 years, in coordination with Member States, including considering major technical, practical, and infrastructural conditions and the option of using the European Digital Identity Wallet developed further to Regulation (EU) No 910/2014. The Commission will consider adopting delegated acts under the Animal Health Law in order to provide for a digitalisation of the pet passport once these steps are completed.

The positive list of pets

As announced in the 2022 revision of the EU action plan against wildlife trafficking, the Commission has launched a study on the need for, added value of and feasibility of introducing a “positive list of pets” across the EU. The final report of this study will be made publicly available in early 2026. The Commission will consider whether any follow-up is needed.
