



## 'Non-kept dogs' are NOT wild animals!

In the draft Animal Health Law, stray domestic animals are defined as wild animals. This ignores the fundamental biological distinction between wild and domestic animals, and also goes against the basic principle of Article 13 TFEU that considers animals to be sentient beings. Such a definition would lead to:

- serious misunderstandings and legal uncertainty in all Member States;
- less animal protection for stray animals;
- the isolation of stray dogs and cats as second-class animals.

To confuse domestic animals with wild animals is scientifically wrong and poses a threat to stray domestic animals.

Please reject this unacceptable idea contained in the present draft of the Animal Health Law.