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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

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**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.

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