

Brigitte Bardot was received by Commissioner Kyprianou's chef de cabinet, Margaritis Schinas

Brigitte Bardot and staff from the Brigitte Bardot Foundation for animal welfare were received by Commissioner Kyprianou's chef de cabinet, Margaritis Schinas, on 9 June. They discussed a number of animal welfare issues, notably the Animal Welfare Action Plan, a future revision of the EU Directive on the Slaughter of Animals, and the need for European legislation to ban the trade in cat and dog fur. Commissioner Kyprianou's head of cabinet reiterated the Commissioner's political commitment to ending the trade in cat and dog fur, which is one of the issues addressed in the Action Plan. Officials in DG SANCO are working on draft legislative proposals on this issue. There will be a public debate on the Animal Welfare Action Plan at the Agriculture Council on 19 June, and the same Council will also discuss the Commission's proposal for a Directive on the welfare of broilers. The Brigitte Bardot Foundation has welcomed both initiatives.