

## Welfare of Dogs and Cats

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### Pet population in the EU:



**72.7 million**  
Dogs

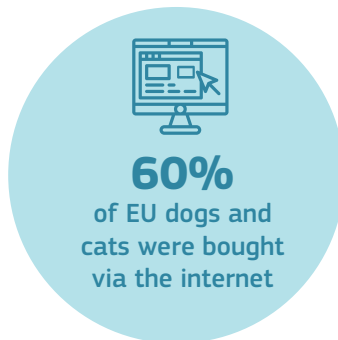
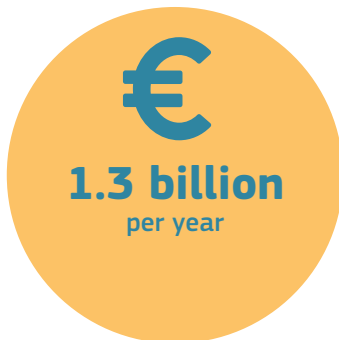


**83.6 million**  
Cats



**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

