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EUROPEAN CONVENTION¹ FOR THE PROTECTION OF PET ANIMALS

PREAMBLE

The member States of the Council of Europe, signatory hereto,

Considering that the aim of the Council of Europe is to achieve a greater unity between its Members;

Recognising that man has a moral obligation to respect all living creatures and bearing in mind that pet animals have a special relationship with man;

Considering the importance of pet animals in contributing to the quality of life and their consequent value to society;

Considering the difficulties arising from the enormous variety of animals which are kept by man;

Considering the risks which are inherent in pet animal overpopulation for the hygiene, health and safety of man and of other animals;

Considering that the keeping of specimens of wild fauna as pet animals should not be encouraged;

Aware of the different conditions which govern the acquisition, keeping, commercial and non-commercial breeding and the disposal of and trading in pet animals;

Aware that pet animals are not always kept in conditions that promote their health and well-being;

Noting that attitudes towards pet animals vary widely, sometimes because of limited knowledge and awareness;

¹ Came into force on 1 May 1992, i.e., the first day of the month following the expiration of a period of six months after the date on which four member States of the Council of Europe had deposited an instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval with the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe, in accordance with article 18 (1):

<i>State</i>	<i>Date of deposit of the instrument of ratification</i>	
Germany*	27 May	1991
Luxembourg	25 October	1991
Norway	3 February	1988
Sweden	14 March	1989

Subsequently, the Convention came into force for the following States on the first day of the month following the expiration of a period of six months after the date of the deposit of their instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval with the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe, in accordance with article 18 (2):

<i>State</i>	<i>Date of deposit of the instrument of ratification or acceptance (A)</i>	
Finland*	2 December	1991 A
(With effect from 1 July 1992.)		
Belgium*	20 December	1991
(With effect from 1 July 1992. Confirming the reservation made upon signature.)		
Greece	29 April	1992
(With effect from 1 November 1992.)		
Denmark*	20 October	1992
(With effect from 1 May 1993. With a declaration of non-application to the Faroe Island and Greenland.)		

* See p. 129 of this volume for the texts of the reservations and declaration made upon ratification or acceptance.

Considering that a basic common standard of attitude and practice which results in responsible pet ownership is not only a desirable, but a realistic goal,

Have agreed as follows :

CHAPTER I — GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

Definitions

1. By pet animal is meant any animal kept or intended to be kept by man, in particular in his household, for private enjoyment and companionship.
2. By trading in pet animals is meant all regular business transactions in substantial quantities carried out for profit which involve the change of ownership of pet animals.
3. By commercial breeding and boarding is meant breeding or boarding mainly for profit and in substantial quantities.
4. By animal sanctuary is meant a non-profit making establishment where pet animals may be kept in substantial numbers. If national legislative and/or administrative measures permit, such an establishment may accept stray animals.
5. By a stray animal is meant a pet animal which either has no home or is outside the bounds of its owner's or keeper's household and is not under the control or direct supervision of any owner or keeper.
6. By competent authority is meant the authority designated by the member State.

Article 2

Scope and implementation

1. Each Party undertakes to take the necessary steps to give effect to the provisions of this Convention in respect of:
 - a. pet animals kept by a person or legal entity in any household or in any establishment for trading, for commercial breeding and boarding, and in animal sanctuaries ;
 - b. where appropriate, stray animals.
2. Nothing in this Convention shall affect the implementation of other instruments for the protection of animals or for the conservation of threatened wild species.
3. Nothing in this Convention shall affect the liberty of the Parties to adopt stricter measures for the protection of pet animals or to apply the provisions contained herein to categories of animals which have not been mentioned expressly in this instrument.

CHAPTER II — PRINCIPLES FOR THE KEEPING OF PET ANIMALS

Article 3

Basic principles for animal welfare

1. Nobody shall cause a pet animal unnecessary pain, suffering or distress.
2. Nobody shall abandon a pet animal.

Article 4

Keeping

1. Any person who keeps a pet animal or who has agreed to look after it shall be responsible for its health and welfare.
2. Any person who is keeping a pet animal or who is looking after it shall provide accommodation, care and attention which take account of the ethological needs of the animal in accordance with its species and breed, in particular:
 - a. give it suitable and sufficient food and water;
 - b. provide it with adequate opportunities for exercise;
 - c. take all reasonable measures to prevent its escape.
3. An animal shall not be kept as a pet animal if:
 - a. the conditions of paragraph 2 above are not met or if,
 - b. in spite of these conditions being met, the animal cannot adapt itself to captivity.

Article 5

Breeding

Any person who selects a pet animal for breeding shall be responsible for having regard to the anatomical, physiological and behavioural characteristics which are likely to put at risk the health and welfare of either the offspring or the female parent.

Article 6

Age-limit on acquisition

No pet animal shall be sold to persons under the age of 16 without the express consent of their parents or other persons exercising parental responsibilities.

Article 7

Training

No pet animal shall be trained in a way that is detrimental to its health and welfare, especially by forcing it to exceed its natural capacities or strength or by employing artificial aids which cause injury or unnecessary pain, suffering or distress.

Article 8

*Trading, commercial breeding and boarding,
animal sanctuaries*

1. Any person who, at the time of the entry into force of the Convention, is trading in or is commercially breeding or boarding pet animals or is operating an animal sanctuary shall, within an appropriate period to be determined by each Party, declare this to the competent authority.

Any person who intends to engage in any of these activities shall declare this intention to the competent authority.

2. This declaration shall stipulate:
 - a. the species of pet animals which are involved or to be involved;
 - b. the person responsible and his knowledge;
 - c. a description of the premises and equipment used or to be used.

3. The above-mentioned activities may be carried out only :
 - a. if the person responsible has the knowledge and abilities required for the activity either as a result of professional training or of sufficient experience with pet animals and
 - b. if the premises and the equipment used for the activity comply with the requirements set out in Article 4.
4. The competent authority shall determine on the basis of the declaration made under the provisions of paragraph 1 whether or not the conditions set out in paragraph 3 are being complied with. If these conditions are not adequately met, it shall recommend measures and, if necessary for the welfare of the animals, it shall prohibit the commencement or continuation of the activity.
5. The competent authority shall, in accordance with national legislation, supervise whether or not the above-mentioned conditions are complied with.

Article 9

Advertising, entertainment, exhibitions, competitions and similar events

1. Pet animals shall not be used in advertising, entertainment, exhibitions, competitions and similar events unless :
 - a. the organiser has created appropriate conditions for the pet animals to be treated in accordance with the requirements of Article 4, paragraph 2, and
 - b. the pet animals' health and welfare are not put at risk.
2. No substances shall be given to, treatments applied to, or devices used on a pet animal for the purpose of increasing or decreasing its natural level of performance :
 - a. during competition or
 - b. at any other time, when this would put at risk the health and welfare of the animal.

Article 10

Surgical operations

1. Surgical operations for the purpose of modifying the appearance of a pet animal or for other non-curative purposes shall be prohibited and, in particular :
 - a. the docking of tails ;
 - b. the cropping of ears ;
 - c. devocalisation ;
 - d. declawing and defanging.
2. Exceptions to these prohibitions shall be permitted only :
 - a. if a veterinarian considers non-curative procedures necessary either for veterinary medical reasons or for the benefit of any particular animal ;
 - b. to prevent reproduction.
3.
 - a. Operations in which the animal will or is likely to experience severe pain shall be carried out under anaesthesia only by a veterinarian or under his supervision.

b. Operations for which no anaesthesia is required may be carried out by a person competent under national legislation.

Article 11

Killing

1. Only a veterinarian or another competent person shall kill a pet animal except in an emergency to terminate an animal's suffering when veterinary or other competent assistance cannot be quickly obtained or in any other emergency covered by national legislation. All killing shall be done with the minimum of physical and mental suffering appropriate to the circumstances. The method chosen, except in an emergency, shall either:

- a.* cause immediate loss of consciousness and death, or
- b.* begin with the induction of deep general anaesthesia to be followed by a step which will ultimately and certainly cause death.

The person responsible for the killing shall make sure that the animal is dead before the carcass is disposed of.

2. The following methods of killing shall be prohibited:

- a.* drowning and other methods of suffocation if they do not produce the effects required in subparagraph 1.*b.*;
- b.* the use of any poisonous substance or drug, the dose and application of which cannot be controlled so as to give the effect mentioned in paragraph 1;
- c.* electrocution unless preceded by immediate induction of loss of consciousness.

CHAPTER III — SUPPLEMENTARY MEASURES FOR STRAY ANIMALS

Article 12

Reduction of numbers

When a Party considers that the numbers of stray animals present it with a problem, it shall take the appropriate legislative and/or administrative measures necessary to reduce their numbers in a way which does not cause avoidable pain, suffering or distress.

- a.* Such measures shall include the requirements that:
 - i.* if such animals are to be captured, this is done with the minimum of physical and mental suffering appropriate to the animal;
 - ii.* whether captured animals are kept or killed, this is done in accordance with the principles laid down in this Convention.
- b.* Parties undertake to consider:
 - i.* providing for dogs and cats to be permanently identified by some appropriate means which causes little or no enduring pain, suffering or distress, such as tattooing as well as recording the numbers in a register together with the names and addresses of their owners;
 - ii.* reducing the unplanned breeding of dogs and cats by promoting the neutering of these animals;
 - iii.* encouraging the finder of a stray dog or cat to report it to the competent authority.

Article 13

Exceptions for capture, keeping and killing

Exceptions to the principles laid down in this Convention for the capture, the keeping and the killing of stray animals may be made only if unavoidable in the framework of national disease control programmes.

CHAPTER IV — INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

Article 14

Information and education programmes

The Parties undertake to encourage the development of information and education programmes so as to promote awareness and knowledge amongst organisations and individuals concerned with the keeping, breeding, training, trading and boarding of pet animals of the provisions and the principles in this Convention. In these programmes, attention shall be drawn in particular to the following subjects:

- a. the need for training of pet animals for any commercial or competitive purpose to be carried out by persons with adequate knowledge and ability;
- b. the need to discourage:
 - i. gifts of pet animals to persons under the age of 16 without the express consent of their parents or other persons exercising parental responsibilities;
 - ii. gifts of pet animals as prizes, awards or bonuses;
 - iii. unplanned breeding of pet animals;
- c. the possible negative consequences for the health and well-being of wild animals if they were to be acquired or introduced as pet animals;
- d. the risks of irresponsible acquisition of pet animals leading to an increase in the number of unwanted and abandoned animals.

CHAPTER V — MULTILATERAL CONSULTATIONS

Article 15

Multilateral consultations

1. The Parties shall, within five years from the entry into force of the Convention and every five years thereafter, and, in any case, whenever a majority of the representatives of the Parties so request, hold multilateral consultations within the Council of Europe to examine the application of the Convention and the advisability of revising it or extending any of its provisions. These consultations shall take place at meetings convened by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe.
2. Each Party shall have the right to appoint a representative to participate in these consultations. Any member State of the Council of Europe which is not a Party to the Convention shall have the right to be represented by an observer in these consultations.
3. After each consultation, the Parties shall submit to the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe a report on the consultation and on the functioning of the Convention including, if they consider it necessary, proposals for the amendment of Articles 15 to 23 of the Convention.
4. Subject to the provisions of this Convention, the Parties shall draw up the rules of procedure for the consultations.

CHAPTER VI — AMENDMENTS

Article 16

Amendments

1. Any amendment to Articles 1 to 14 proposed by a Party or the Committee of Ministers shall be communicated to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe and forwarded by him to the member States of the Council of Europe, to any Party and to any State invited to accede to the Convention in accordance with the provisions of Article 19.
2. Any amendment proposed in accordance with the provisions of the preceding paragraph shall be examined at a multilateral consultation not less than two months after the date of forwarding by the Secretary General where it may be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the Parties. The text adopted shall be forwarded to the Parties.
3. Twelve months after its adoption at a multilateral consultation, any amendment shall enter into force unless one of the Parties has notified objections.

CHAPTER VII — FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 17

Signature, ratification, acceptance, approval

This Convention shall be open for signature by the member States of the Council of Europe. It is subject to ratification, acceptance or approval. Instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval shall be deposited with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

Article 18

Entry into force

1. This Convention shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the expiration of a period of six months after the date on which four member States of the Council of Europe have expressed their consent to be bound by the Convention in accordance with the provisions of Article 17.
2. In respect of any member State which subsequently expresses its consent to be bound by it, the Convention shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the expiration of a period of six months after the date of the deposit of the instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval.

Article 19

Accession of non-member States

1. After the entry into force of this Convention, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe may invite any State not a member of the Council of Europe to accede to this Convention, by a decision taken by the majority provided for in Article 20.d of the Statute of the Council of Europe¹ and by the unanimous vote of the representatives of the Contracting States entitled to sit on the Committee of Ministers.
2. In respect of any acceding State, the Convention shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the expiration of a period of six months after the date of deposit of the instrument of accession with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 87, p.103.

Article 20

Territorial clause

1. Any State may, at the time of signature or when depositing its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, specify the territory or territories to which this Convention shall apply.
2. Any Party may, at any later date, by a declaration addressed to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, extend the application of this Convention to any other territory specified in the declaration. In respect of such territory the Convention shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the expiration of a period of six months after the date of receipt of such declaration by the Secretary General.
3. Any declaration made under the two preceding paragraphs may, in respect of any territory specified in such declaration, be withdrawn by a notification addressed to the Secretary General. The withdrawal shall become effective on the first day of the month following the expiration of a period of six months after the date of receipt of such notification by the Secretary General.

Article 21

Reservations

1. Any State may, at the time of signature or when depositing its instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession, declare that it avails itself of one or more reservations in respect of Article 6 and Article 10, paragraph 1, sub-paragraph *a*. No other reservation may be made.
2. Any Party which has made a reservation under the preceding paragraph may wholly or partly withdraw it by means of a notification addressed to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe. The withdrawal shall take effect on the date of receipt of such notification by the Secretary General.
3. A Party which has made a reservation in respect of a provision of this Convention may not invoke the application of that provision by any other Party; it may, however, if its reservation is partial or conditional, invoke the application of that provision insofar as it has itself accepted it.

Article 22

Denunciation

1. Any Party may at any time denounce this Convention by means of a notification addressed to the Secretary General of the Council of Europe.
2. Such denunciation shall become effective on the first day of the month following the expiration of a period of six months after the date of receipt of the notification by the Secretary General.

Article 23

Notifications

The Secretary General of the Council of Europe shall notify the member States of the Council of Europe, and any State which has acceded to this Convention or has been invited to do so, of:

- a.* any signature;
- b.* the deposit of any instrument of ratification, acceptance, approval or accession;
- c.* any date of entry into force of this Convention in accordance with Articles 18, 19 and 20;
- d.* any other act, notification or communication relating to this Convention.

[For the testimonium and signatures, see p. 125 of this volume.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have signed this Convention.

DONE at Strasbourg, this 13th day of November 1987, in English and French, both texts being equally authentic, in a single copy which shall be deposited in the archives of the Council of Europe. The Secretary General of the Council of Europe shall transmit certified copies to each member State of the Council of Europe, and to any State invited to accede to this Convention.

EN FOI DE QUOI, les soussignés, dûment autorisés à cet effet, ont signé la présente Convention.

FAIT à Strasbourg, le 13 novembre 1987, en français et en anglais, les deux textes faisant également foi, en un seul exemplaire qui sera déposé dans les archives du Conseil de l'Europe. Le Secrétaire Général du Conseil de l'Europe en communiquera copie certifiée conforme à chacun des Etats membres du Conseil de l'Europe et à tout Etat invité à adhérer à la présente Convention.

For the Government
of the Republic of Austria:

Pour le Gouvernement
de la République d'Autriche :

For the Government
of the Kingdom of Belgium:

Pour le Gouvernement
du Royaume de Belgique :

ROMBAUT VAN CROMBRUGGE¹

For the Government
of the Republic of Cyprus:

Pour le Gouvernement
de la République de Chypre :

For the Government
of the Kingdom of Denmark:

Pour le Gouvernement
du Royaume de Danemark :

ERLING V. QUAADÉ¹

For the Government
of Republic of Finland:

Pour le Gouvernement
de la République de Finlande :

Strasbourg, 2 December 1991

HOLGER ROTKIRCH

For the Government
of the French Republic:

Pour le Gouvernement
de la République française :

¹ See p. 129 of this volume for the texts of the reservations and declaration made upon signature — Voir p. 129 du présent volume pour les textes des réserves et déclaration faites lors de la signature.

For the Government
of the Federal Republic of Germany: Pour le Gouvernement
de la République fédérale d'Allemagne :
Strasbourg, le 21 juin 1988
GÜNTER KNACKSTEDT

For the Government
of the Hellenic Republic: Pour le Gouvernement
de la République hellénique :
NICOLAOS DIAMANTOPOULOS

For the Government
of the Icelandic Republic: Pour le Gouvernement
de la République islandaise :

For the Government
of Ireland: Pour le Gouvernement
d'Irlande :

For the Government
of the Italian Republic: Pour le Gouvernement
de la République italienne :
PAOLO MASSIMO ANTICI

For the Government
of the Principality of Liechtenstein: Pour le Gouvernement
de la Principauté de Liechtenstein :

For the Government
of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg: Pour le Gouvernement
du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg :
PAUL FABER

For the Government
of Malta: Pour le Gouvernement
de Malte :

For the Government
of the Kingdom of the Netherlands: Pour le Gouvernement
du Royaume des Pays-Bas :
VINCENT BRUYNS

For the Government
of the Kingdom of Norway:

Pour le Gouvernement
du Royaume de Norvège :

ROALD KNOPH

For the Government
of the Portuguese Republic:

Pour le Gouvernement
de la République portugaise :

LUÍS OCTÁVIO ROMA DE ALBUQUERQUE¹

For the Government
of the Republic of San Marino:

Pour le Gouvernement
de la République de Saint-Marin :

For the Government
of the Kingdom of Spain:

Pour le Gouvernement
du Royaume d'Espagne :

For the Government
of the Kingdom of Sweden:

Pour le Gouvernement
du Royaume de Suède :

Strasbourg, 14 March 1989

IRENE LARSSON

For the Government
of the Swiss Confederation:

Pour le Gouvernement
de la Confédération suisse :

Strasbourg, le 13 novembre 1990

YVES R. MORET

For the Government
of the Turkish Republic:

Pour le Gouvernement
de la République turque :

For the Government
of the United Kingdom of Great Britain
and Northern Ireland:

Pour le Gouvernement
du Royaume-Uni de Grande-Bretagne
et d'Irlande du Nord :

¹ See p. 129 of this volume for the texts of the reservations and declaration made upon signature — Voir p. 129 du présent volume pour les textes des réserves et déclaration faites lors de la signature.

For the Government
of the Republic of San Marino:

Pour le Gouvernement
de la République de Saint-Marin :

For the Government
of the Czech and Slovak
Federal Republic:

Pour le Gouvernement
de la République fédérative
tchèque et slovaque :

For the Government
of the Republic of Hungary:

Pour le Gouvernement
de la République de Hongrie :

For the Government
of the Republic of Poland:

Pour le Gouvernement
de la République de Pologne :

For the Government
of the Republic of Bulgaria:

Pour le Gouvernement
de la République de Bulgarie :

RESERVATIONS AND DECLARATION
MADE UPON SIGNATURERÉSERVES ET DÉCLARATION
FAITES LORS DE LA SIGNATURE

BELGIUM

BELGIQUE

[TRANSLATION¹ — TRADUCTION²]*Reservation*

The Government of Belgium declares, in accordance with Article 21 of the Convention, that it avails itself of a reservation in respect of Article 10, paragraph 1, sub-paragraph *a*, of the said Convention:

1. Surgical operations for the purpose of modifying the appearance of a pet animal or for non-curative purposes shall be prohibited and, in particular:

a. The docking of tails.

Réserve

Le Gouvernement belge déclare, conformément à l'article 21 de la Convention, faire usage d'une réserve à l'égard de l'alinéa *a* du paragraphe 1 de l'article 10 de ladite Convention :

1. Les interventions chirurgicales destinées à modifier l'apparence d'un animal de compagnie ou à d'autres fins non curatives doivent être interdites et en particulier :

a. La coupe de la queue.

DENMARK

DANEMARK

[TRADUCTION¹ — TRANSLATION²]*Declaration and Reservation*

The Government of the Kingdom of Denmark further declares that, in accordance with Article 21 of the Convention, it reserves its position in respect of Article 6 and Article 10, paragraph 1, sub-paragraph *a*, of the Convention.

Déclaration et Réserve

Le Gouvernement du Royaume du Danemark déclare, en outre, que, conformément à l'article 21 de la Convention, il réserve sa position en ce qui concerne l'article 6 et l'article 10, paragraphe 1, alinéa *a* de la Convention.

PORTUGAL

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[TRANSLATION¹ — TRADUCTION²]*Reservation*

Portugal, availing itself of the possibility mentioned in paragraph 1 of Article 21, does not accept sub-paragraph *a* of paragraph 1 of Article 10 of the Convention.

Réserve

Le Portugal, fait usage de la possibilité mentionnée dans le paragraphe 1 de l'article 21, n'accepte pas l'alinéa *a* du paragraphe 1 de l'article 10 de la Convention.

¹ Translation provided by the Council of Europe.

² Traduction fournie par le Conseil de l'Europe.

¹ Traduction fournie par le Conseil de l'Europe.

² Translation provided by the Council of Europe.

RESERVATIONS MADE UPON
RATIFICATION OR ACCEP-
TANCE (A)*BELGIUM*

[*Confirming the reservation made upon signature. For the text, see p. 129 of this volume.*]

DENMARK

[TRANSLATION¹ — TRADUCTION]

Reservation

Denmark makes a reservation in respect of Article 10 paragraph 1. *a*, concerning the docking of tails.

*FINLAND (A)**Reservation*

The Government of Finland, in accordance with the provisions of Article 21 of this Convention and subject to the undertaking contained in that article, declares that it avails itself reservations in respect of Article 6 and Article 10, paragraph 1, sub-paragraph *a*, of the Convention.

¹ Translation provided by the Council of Europe.

² Traduction fournie par le Conseil de l'Europe.

RÉSERVES FAITES LORS DE LA
RATIFICATION OU DE L'ACCEP-
TATION (A)*BELGIQUE*

[*Confirment la réserve faite lors de la signature. Pour le texte, voir p. 129 du présent volume.*]

DANEMARK

[TRADUCTION¹ — TRANSLATION²]

Réserve

Le Danemark formule une réserve pour le paragraphe 1 *a*. de l'article 10, concernant la coupe de la queue.

*FINLANDE (A)**Réserve*

En vertu des dispositions de l'article 21 de la Convention et sous réserve des conditions contenues dans cet article, le Gouvernement de la Finlande déclare faire usage des réserves à l'égard de l'article 6 et de l'article 10 paragraphe 1, alinéa *a*, de la Convention.

¹ Traduction fournie par le Conseil de l'Europe.

² Translation provided by the Council of Europe.

*FEDERAL REPUBLIC
OF GERMANY**RÉPUBLIQUE FÉDÉRALE
D'ALLEMAGNE*

[GERMAN TEXT — TEXTE ALLEMAND]

Die Bundesrepublik Deutschland erklärt, gestützt auf Artikel 21 Absatz 1 des Europäischen Übereinkommens zum Schutz von Heimtieren, daß sich die Vertragsbeziehungen zwischen ihr und den übrigen Vertragsparteien dieses Übereinkommens nicht auf die Artikel 6 (Altersgrenze für den Erwerb von Heimtieren) und Artikel 10 Absatz 1 Buchstabe a (Verbot des Kupierens des Schwanzes) dieses Übereinkommens erstrecken werden.

Reservations

Having regard to Article 21 (1) of the European Convention for the Protection of Pet Animals, the Federal Republic of Germany declares that contractual relations between itself and the other Parties to this Convention will not extend to Article 6 (age-limit on acquisition of pet animals) and Article 10 (1) (a) (prohibition of tail-docking) of this Convention.

Réserves

En application du paragraphe 1 de l'article 21 de la Convention européenne pour la protection des animaux de compagnie, la République fédérale d'Allemagne déclare que les relations contractuelles entre elle et les autres Parties à ladite Convention ne s'étendront ni à l'article 6 (limite d'âge pour l'acquisition d'animaux de compagnie) ni à l'alinéa a du paragraphe 1 de l'article 10 (interdiction de couper la queue) de ladite Convention.