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Municipality of Pinabacdao
OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 23- 15

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PROVIDING FOR THE CONTROL AND ELIMINATION OF HUMAN AND ANIMAL RABIES PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREOF.

Be it Ordained by the Sangguniang Bayan of Pinabacdao in session assembled, that:

SECTION1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as "Rabies Control Ordinance" of the Municipality of Pinabacdao Samar.

Section 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY. It is declared policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people. Towards this end, a system for the control, prevention of the spread, and eventual eradication of human and animal Rabies shall be provided and the need for responsible pet ownership be established.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For the purpose of this ordinance, the following definitions shall mean:

(a) **DOG-** refers to a common quadruped domestic animal belonging to the order carnivore (male or female) scientifically known as canis familiaris.

(b) **OWNER-** refers to any person keeping, harboring, or having changed care or control of a Dog including his/her representative.

(c) **RABIES VETERINARY OFFICE-** Refers to duly authorized body or representative person responsible for the enforcement of this ordinance.

(d) **BITTEN-** Refers to an act by which a Dog seizes, cuts, or grips with its teeth so that the skin of a person has been wounded, pierced, or scratched.

(e) **ENCLOSED PREMISES-** This means the owner's house, or fenced yard, where other people have no reason to enter

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except to conduct business with the member of the household.

(f) **RESTRAINED** - means tethered, leashed or caned.

(g) **CONCERNED OFFICIALS-** refers to barangay officials, health workers, police officers or government veterinarians.

(h) **DIRECT SUPERVISION-** Refers to range supervision where the physical presence of the veterinarian within the barangay is necessary.

(i) **EUTHANASIA-** refers to the process of painless death to dogs or other animals.

(j) **IMPOUND-** Refers to seize and hold in the custody of the law.

(k) **POUND-** refers to a public enclosure for stray animals.

(l) **PUBLIC** PLACE- refers to any place open to the public like parks, malls, streets, etc.

(m) **RABIES-** refers to a highly fatal disease caused by a lyssavirus, transmitted mainly through the bite of an infected animal, and is characterized by muscle paralysis, hydrophobia and aerophobia, and other neurological man infestation.

(n) **RABIES TRANSMISSION-** refers to the transmission or passage of the rabies virus through a bite by an infected animal, or through contamination with virus-laden saliva on breaks in the skin and of mucus membranes such as the eyes, the lips, the mouth, or the genital organs.

(o) **RABIES VACCINATION/ IMMUNOPROPHYLAXIS OF HUMANS-** refers to the inoculation of humans, with modern-day rabies vaccines or Rabies immunoglobin by a trained doctor or nurse under the supervision of a qualified medical practitioner.

(p) **RABIES VACCINATION OF DOGS**- Refers to the inoculation of a Dog with Rabies vaccine by a licensed government or private veterinarian or trained individual under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian. The services of the said trained individual shall be limited only to Rabies Vaccination injection in Dogs and only during a government mass vaccination campaign.

(q) **POST EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (P.E.P)** refers to Rabies vaccination administered before exposure to Rabies to those who are at the risk of getting Rabies.

(r) **STRAY DOG**- Refers to any Dog leaving its owner's place or premise and no longer under the effective control of the Owner.

(s) **VETERINARY OR HUMAN BARBITUATES-** refers to drugs that depress the function of the central nervous system.

SECTION 4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PET OWNERS- All Pet Owners shall be required to:

1. Have their dog regularly vaccinated against Rabies and maintain a registration card, which shall contain all vaccinations conducted on their Dog, for accurate record purposes.
2. Submit their Dog for mandatory registration.
3. Maintain control over their dog and not allow it to roam the streets or any Public Place without a leash.
4. Be responsible owner by providing their dog with grooming, adequate food, and shelter.
5. Within 24 hours, report immediately any Dog biting incident to the Concerned Officials for investigation or any appropriate action and place such Dog under observation by a government or private veterinarian.
6. Assist the Dog bite victim immediately and shoulder the medical expenses incurred and other incidental expenses relative to the victim's injuries.

SECTION 5. COMPOSITION OF MUNICIPAL RABIES CONTROL COORDINATING COUNCIL (MRCC)

A. Municipal Rabies Control Coordinating Council (MRCC) shall be formed and shall possess the main authority of implementing this rabies control ordinance and other rabies control-related activities as it may deem necessary.

This council shall be composed of the following members, subject to additional membership as the need arises:

Municipal Mayor - Chairperson
Sangguniang Bayan Members -Vice-Chairperson
(Chairperson Committee on Health and Agriculture

MEMBERS:

Municipal Agriculturist
Veterinarian
Municipal health Officer
Chief of Police
MLGOO
LNB President
MPDC
ACADEME REPRESENTATIVE

SECTION 6. RABIES VACCINATION

Every Dog three months of age and older should be submitted by the owner for vaccination against rabies every year or as indicated on the label/ literature, but in no case should exceed 24 months. Young dogs shall be vaccinated within 30 days after they have reached three months of age.

SECTION 7- DUTIES OF VETERINARIAN

It shall be the duty of each Veterinarian, when vaccinating any dog to complete a Certificate of Rabies Vaccination (in duplicate) for each animal vaccinated. The certificate shall include the following information.

1. Owner's name, address, and cellphone number.
2. Description of Dog (species, breed, sex, markings, age, name)
3. Date of vaccination and vaccination expiration
4. Vaccine producer
5. Manufacturer's serial number
6. Veterinarian's signature

The owner will provide with a copy of the certificate. The Veterinarian will retain one copy for the duration of the vaccination. As durable metal and plastic tag, serially numbered, issued by the veterinarian shall be securely attached to the collar of the Dog.

Note: The above provisions may not apply to mass vaccination campaigns.

SECTION 8. COST OF VACCINATION

The cost of rabies vaccination shall be borne by the owner of the Dog or Cat unless there are mass animal rabies vaccination subsidized by the government.

SECTION 9- DOG REGISTRATION OR LICENSING

Every dog shall be registered by the owner upon its vaccination at 3 months and every two (2) years thereafter. Unvaccinated dogs registered after reaching the age of 3 months and dogs three months old and above not previously registered will have to be vaccinated upon registration. Vaccinated dog is considered for a period of two (2) years from the time of last vaccination. The dog owner shall pay such vaccination and registration fees as may be determined by the local authority. The Registration Officer shall provide the owner with a Certificate of Registration for the dog and affix to it a distinguishing collar tag, a proof of registration.

SECTION10- ELIMINATION OF UNREGISTERED DOGS

Unregistered dogs over the age of 3 months shall be seized and humanely destroyed under the supervision of the Rabies Veterinary Officer.

The Veterinary Officer shall give guidance on the destruction methods to be used (shooting, poisoning carbon dioxide or anesthetic overdose, or euthanasia) in different environments (areas of habitation, marketplace, rubbish dumps, open countryside, etc.)

The Veterinary Officer or Police Constable may enter any land for the purpose of seizing or destroying a dog, which is liable to be seized under this section.

Elimination shall be based on the presence or absence of a dog tag and /or registration or vaccination certificate.

SECTION 11- REPORTING BITING INCIDENTS

The owner of a dog that has bitten any person and the person who has bitten, shall within twenty-four hours of the occurrence, report the incident to the Rabies Control

Council, a Health Care Worker or to a Police Constable. A Health Care Workers or a Police Constable receiving such information shall immediately transmit it to the Rabies Control Council.

SECTION 12- LIABILITY OF OWNERS OF BITING DOGS

The owner of a dog which has bitten any person shall be responsible for all treatment and dog examination on related expenses incurred by the bite victims unless the bite was inflicted by a restrained and registered dog, or had occurred within the owner's enclosed premises, in which case arrangements shall be made between the owner and the bite victim.

SECTION 13- DOG POPULATION CONTROL- in furtherance of the Policy of this Ordinance to eradicate Rabies, there is a need to control the dog population and minimize the number of unwanted Stray Dogs.

1. The DA, DOH, DILG, DepEd, LGUs, with the assistance of NGOs and POs shall undertake an educational and promotional campaign on responsible Pet Ownership, including the option of spraying or neutering their dogs.
2. The LGUs shall provide an incentive system whereby Owners of Dogs, which have been sprayed or neutered will be given a subsidized or discounted pet registration fee.

SECTION 14. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF ORDINANCE

A dog owner who fails to abide by any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be subjected to a fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred (P2, 500.00) Pesos or imprisonment of six (6) months or both at the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 15. APPROPRIATIONS.

Initial funding to defray the expenses necessary for or incidental to the implementation of this Ordinance shall be sourced out from the MOOE of the Municipal Agriculturist and MDRRM Fund of this Local Government Unit.

SECTION 16. ENFORCEMENT

The Philippine National Police in coordination with the MAO, MHO, MENRO, and DepEd-Pinabacdao are hereby directed to implement the provisions of the Ordinance.

SECTION 17. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE- if any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional, the other provisions or parts thereof not so affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 18- REPEALING CLAUSE - All ordinances, rules, and regulations or parts thereof whose provisions are in conflict with the provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed, amended, or modified accordingly.

Section 19- EFFECTIVITY- This ordinance shall take effect upon its approval.

Enacted: October 23, 2023 at Pinabacdao, Samar.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY the correctness of the foregoing Municipal Ordinance which was duly adopted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Pinabacdao, Samar during its regular session.

MARY BERNARDETTE T. QUIJANO
Secretary to the Sangguniang Bayan

ATTESTED:

HON. EDGAR M. TONELETE
Vice- Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED:

HON. TEODORICO A. MABAG
Municipal Mayor

23 OCT 2023
(Date Signed)

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