



Damahalaang Bayan ng Baliwag

TANGGAPAN NG PUNONG BAYAN

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ESTABLISHING MUNICIPAL RABIES PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROGRAM OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BALIWAG, BULACAN

WHEREAS, Republic Act 9482, the *Anti-Rabies Act of 2007*, declared as a state policy the protection and promotion of the people's right to health. Thus, the National Rabies Prevention and Control Program, a system for the control, prevention of the spreading, and eventual eradication of human and animal rabies was established.

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Baliwag, Bulacan, in synergy with selected government agencies, was tasked to implement a local version of the National Rabies Prevention and Control Program.

WHEREAS, there is an unprecedented increase in the number of reported unvaccinated dog bites at the Municipality of Baliwag, Bulacan.

WHEREAS, there is also need to promote responsible pet ownership in the Municipality.

NOW THEREFORE, by the power vested upon me by law, I **FERDINAND V. ESTRELLA** do hereby order the following:

SECTION 1. Municipal Rabies Prevention and Control Program. There shall be a Municipal Rabies Prevention and Control Program (MRPCP) at the Municipality of Baliwag, Bulacan which shall be spearheaded by Municipal Agriculture Office, Municipal Health Office and the Baliwag Polytechnic College as focal offices. With this program, the Municipality of Baliwag, Bulacan shall:

- (a) Ensure that all dogs in the Municipality are properly immunized, registered and issued corresponding dog tags.
- (b) Strictly enforce dog impounding activities and field control to solve the problem of stray dogs.
- (c) Ensure that dogs are tied or confined within the premises of the owner's house or owner's fenced premises.
- (d) Allocate funds for the implementation of the Municipal Rabies Prevention and Control Program.
- (e) Enact ordinances that will support the Rabies Prevention and Control Programs of the Municipality and the State.
- (f) Prohibit the trade of dogs for meat.

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(g) Establish and maintain a dog pound where impounded dogs shall be kept.

(h) Prohibit the use of electrocution of dogs as a euthanasia procedure.

(i) Appoint a municipal veterinarian and establish a veterinary office.

(j) Require pet shops and educational institutions to post information materials on rabies and responsible pet ownership.

SECTION 2. Creation of the Baliwag Rabies Prevention and Control Council. There shall be created Baliwag Rabies Prevention and Control Council (BRPCC) with the Municipal Mayor as Honorary Chairman. The Council shall lead in the formulation of policies and guidelines on all matters pertaining to rabies prevention and control measures. The BRPCC shall have be composed of:

(a) Municipal Mayor – Honorary Chair

(b) Municipal Agriculture Office – Chair

(c) Municipal Health Officer – Co-chair

(d) Municipal Administrator - Member

(e) The Department of Education Division Supervisors - Members

(f) The President, Association of Barangay Councils (ABC) - Member

(g) The PNP Station Commander - Member

(h) The Municipal Legal Officer - Member

(i) The President, Baliwag Polytechnic College - Member

(j) The Municipal Veterinarian - Member

(h) The Community Affairs Officer - Member

The BRPCC shall meet every first Thursday of the quarter and shall submit to the Office of the Municipal Mayor an annual report on the accomplishments, progress and needs of the program.

SECTION 3. The Focal Offices. The Municipal Agriculture Office, Municipal Health Office and Baliwag Polytechnic College shall jointly implement the Municipal Rabies Prevention and Control Programs. Their respective tasks are spelled out as follows:

A. Municipal Agriculture Office

(a) Advocate for the establishment of animal rabies laboratory and diagnostic capabilities to ensure these services to the people of Baliwag, Bulacan.

(b) Ensure the availability and adequate supply of animal anti-rabies vaccines at all times.

(c) Undertake free anti-rabies vaccination of dogs in the Municipality.

(d) Maintain and improve animal rabies surveillance system.

(e) Establish and maintain “rabies free zone” in the Municipality.

(f) Strengthen the training of field personnel and the information education and communication activities on rabies prevention and control and responsible pet ownership.

(g) Encourage synergies with other government agencies, units and other concerned sectors.

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