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PROVINCE OF ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY  
Municipality of Buug

OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

Excerpt FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 19<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN NG BUUG ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY HELD AT THE BARANGAY POBLACION HALL, BUUG, ZAMBOANGA SIBUGAY ON MAY 28, 2012 AT 10:00 IN THE MORNING.

PRESENT:

HON. ARNULFO D. LIM,	Municipal Vice Mayor
Hon. Ernita A. Paderanga,	SB Member
Hon. Alfonso B. Becada,	SB Member
Hon. Rocelo R. Curiba,	SB Member
Hon. Marvin Jessie G. Gako,	SB Member
Hon. Sherwin R. Quintero,	SB Member
Hon. Leo Jose L. Jumawan,	SB Member
Hon. Julieta T. Casas,	SB Member
Hon. Randie Piscos,	SB Member
Hon. Joel D. Langha,	Member/IP Representative
Hon. Jerry R. Lagas,	Member/ABC President
Hon. Emmanuel F. Becada,	Member/SKFP

ABESENT:

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 07-2012**

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9482, "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONTROL AND ELIMINATION OF RABIES, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFOR".

Be it enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Buug, Zamboanga Sibugay, in a regular session assembled;

**SECTION 1. Title.** – This Ordinance shall be known as "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANTI-RABIES ACT OF 2007";

**SECTION 2. Declaration of Policy.** – It is the declared policy of the Municipality of Buug 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 Rabies shall be provided and the need for responsible Dog ownership be established.

**SECTION 3. Definition of Terms.** – For the purpose of this Act, the following terms shall mean;

- a. **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.
- b. **Concerned Officials** refers to barangay officials, health workers, police officers or government veterinarians

- c. **Direct Supervision** refers to range supervision where physical presence of the veterinarian within the barangay is necessary.
- d. **Dog** refers to a common quadruped domestic animal belonging to the order carnivora (male or female), scientifically known as canisfamillaris.
- e. **Euthanasia Drug** refers to a drug used for humane killing of Dogs.
- f. **Impound** refers to seize and hold in the custody of the law.
- g. **Owner** refers to any person keeping, harboring or having charge, care or control of a Dog including his/her representative.
- h. **Pound** refers to a public enclosure for stray animals.
- i. **Public Place** refers to any place open to the public like parks, malls, markets, streets, etc.
- j. **Rabies** refers to a fatal disease caused by a lyssa virus, transmitted mainly through the bite of an infected animal and is characterized by muscle paralysis, hydrophobia and aerophobia, and other neurological manifestations.
- k. Rabies transmission refers to the transmission or passage of the Rabies virus through contamination with virus-laden saliva on breaks in the skin and of mucous membranes such as the eyes, the lips, the mouth, or the genital organs.
- l. **Rabies Vaccination/Immunoprophylaxis of Humans** refers to the inoculation of humans, with modern day rabies vaccine or Rabies immunoglobulin by a trained doctor of nurse under the supervision of a qualified medical practitioner.
- m. **Rabies Vaccination of Dogs** refers to the inoculation of a Dog with a 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 government mass vaccination campaigns.
- n. **Post-exposure Treatment (P.E.T)** refers to an anti-Rabies treatment administered after an exposure to Rabies, which include local wound care, Rabies vaccine, with or without anti-Rabies immunizing agent.
- o. **Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (P.E.P.)** refers to Rabies vaccination administered before an exposure to Rabies to those who are at high risk of getting Rabies.
- p. **Stray Dog** refers to any Dog leaving its Owner's place or premise and no longer under the effective control of the Owner.
- q. **Veterinary or Human Barbiturates** refers to drugs that depress the function of the central nervous system.

**SECTION 4. Municipal Rabies Prevention and Control Program.** – It is hereby mandated that there shall be a Municipal Rabies Prevention and Control Program. The program shall be a multi-agency effort in controlling and eliminating Rabies in the country. Among its component activities include Mass Vaccination of Dogs, Impounding of Stray Dogs, Conduct of Information and Education Campaign on the prevention and control of Rabies, Provision on pre-exposure treatment to high risk personnel and post exposure treatment to animal bite victims as well as the encouragement of the practice of responsible Dog ownership. The program shall be

implemented by the Municipal Agricultural Officer (MAO), Rural Health Unit (RHU), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and Department of Education (DepEd), as well as the Barangays with the assistance of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs).

**SECTION 5. Responsibilities of Dog Owners.** – All Dog Owners shall be required to:

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

**SECTION 6. Responsibilities of Government Agencies.** – The following government agencies, which shall jointly implement the Municipal Rabies Prevention and Control Program, shall be tasked to:

**A. Municipal Agriculture Office**

1. Ensure the availability and adequate supply of animal anti-Rabies vaccine at all times.
2. Undertake free anti-Rabies Vaccination of Dogs giving priority to high risk depressed areas.
4. Maintain and improve animal Rabies surveillance system.
  4. Establish and maintain Rabies free zone in coordination with the barangays.
  5. Facilitate for the approval of use of Veterinary Neuroleptic and Euthanasia Drugs by the DOH and the Philippines Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA).
  6. Strengthen the training of field personnel and the information education and communication (IEC) activities on Rabies prevention and control and responsible Dog ownership.
7. Conduct research on Rabies and its control in coordination with other agencies.
8. Encourage collaborative activities with the DepEd, DILG, NGOs and other concerned sectors.

**B. Rural Health Units**

1. Ensure the availability and adequate supply of DOH pre-qualified human Anti-Rabies vaccine in animal bite treatment centers at all times and shall coordinate with other implementing agencies and concerned NGOs for this purpose.
2. Provide Post-Exposure Treatment at the minimum expense to individuals bitten by animals suspected of being rabid which will consist of the initial vaccine and immunoglobulin dose.
3. Provide Pre-Exposure Treatment to high-risk personnel, such as, but not limited to, laboratory staff, veterinarians, animal handlers, vaccinators and other persons working with Rabies virus for free.
4. Coordinate with the MAO in the development of appropriate health education strategy to inform the public on Rabies prevention and control and responsible Dog ownership.
5. Develop and maintain a human Rabies surveillance system.
6. Encourage collaborative activities with the MAO, DepEd, DILG, DENR, NGOs, POs and other concerned sectors.
7. Immediately approve the registration of Veterinary and Human Barbiturate drugs and veterinary euthanasia drugs in coordination with the PDEA.

**C. Department of Education**

1. Strengthen Rabies education program through school health teaching/curriculum.
2. Assist in the Dog mass immunization campaigns in the community.
3. Encourage collaborative activities with the MAO, RHUs, DILG, DENR, NGOs, POs and other concerned sectors.
5. Integrate proper information and education on responsible Dog ownership in the relevant subjects in the Elementary and High Schools levels.

**SECTION 7. Responsibilities of the Barangays.** – Barangays, in their respective localities, must:

1. Ensure that all Dogs are properly immunized, registered and issued a corresponding Dog tag for every immunized and registered Dog.
2. Strictly enforce Dog Impounding activities and field control to eliminate Stray Dogs.
3. Ensure that dogs are leashed or confined within the premises of the Owner's house or Owner's fenced surrounding.
4. Allocate funds to augment the implementation of the Municipal Rabies Prevention and Control Program, particularly on the financing of supplies and human and Dog vaccines needed for immunization.

5. Ensure the enforcement of Section 6 of Republic Act No. 8485 or "The Animal Welfare Act of 1998".
6. Enact additional local ordinances that will support the Municipal Rabies Prevention and Control Program that should include the regulation of treatment locally known as "tandok".
7. Prohibit the trade of Dogs for meat.
8. Every barangay shall establish and maintain a Dog Pound where Impounded Dogs shall be kept, in accordance with Section 9 herein, Provided, that the other barangays, shall, on their own, establish a Dog Pound or opt to share the expense of establishing and maintaining a Dog Pound with other adjoining barangays and/or with private animal shelters and control facilities
9. Prohibit the use of electrocution as a euthanasia procedure.
10. Establish a veterinary office in every barangay, *PROVIDED* that the other barangays shall, on their own, opt to share the expenses of having a veterinary office.
11. Require Dog shops to post information regarding Rabies and responsible Dog Ownership.
12. For purpose of ensuring the administrative feasibility of implementing the provisions of this Ordinance, and subject to paragraph 8 of this Section, the barangay shall collect the fines imposed under Section 11 subparagraphs (1), (3), (4), (5) and (6) hereof. Any and all fines collected pursuant to this Ordinance shall be used for the enhancement of the Municipal Rabies Prevention and Control Program within the Municipality, as well as the achievement of the objectives envisioned in this Ordinance. The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall ensure compliance of these responsibilities by the LGUs.

**SECTION 8. Assistance of NGOs and the Academe.** - The agencies tasked to implement the anti-Rabies program shall seek the assistance and participation of NGOs in any of the following activities:

1. **Community mobilization.** Health education/information dissemination on Rabies and responsible Dog ownership.
2. Mass anti-Rabies campaign.
3. Promotion of the anti-Rabies campaign during pet or any animal shows.
4. Surveillance/reporting of Rabies cases in animals and humans.
5. Any other activities geared towards the prevention and complete eradication of Rabies.

**SECTION 9. Impounding, Field Control and Disposition of Unregistered Stray and Unvaccinated Dogs.** – Unregistered, Stray or unvaccinated Dogs shall be put in Dog Pounds and disposed off, taking into consideration the following guidelines:

1. Unregistered, Stray or unvaccinated Dogs shall be Impounded and kept in the LGU's designated Dog Pound.
2. Impounded Dogs not claimed after three days from the Dog Pound shall be placed for adoption to qualified persons, with the assistance of animal welfare NGO, when feasible, or otherwise disposed of in any manner authorized, subject to the pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 8485, otherwise known as the "Animal Welfare Act of 1998."
3. A fee shall be paid by Owners of Impounded Dogs to the barangay concerned, pursuant to Section 7 hereof.

**SECTION 10. Dog Population Control.** – In furtherance of the policy of this Ordinance to eradicate Rabies, there is the need to control the Dog population and minimize the number of unwanted Stray Dogs. As such, it is hereby mandated:

1. That the MAO, RHU, DILG, DepEd, Barangays, with the assistance of NGOs, and POs shall undertake an educational and promotional campaign on responsible Dog Ownership, including the option of spaying or neutering their Dogs.
2. That the municipality shall provide an incentive system whereby Owners of Dogs which have been spayed or neutered will be given a subsidized or discounted Dog registration fee.
3. That Dogs which have been impounded three times shall only be released after having been spayed or neutered, at the expense of the Dogs' Owner.

**SECTION 11. Penalties** – Pursuant to the Provision of Section 11 of R.A. 9482, the following penalties shall be imposed to the following:

1. Dog Owners who fail or refuse to have their Dog registered and immunized against Rabies shall be punished by a fine of Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00).
2. Dog Owners who refuse to have their Dog vaccinated against Rabies shall be liable to pay for the vaccination of both the Dog and the individuals Bitten by their Dog.
3. Dog Owners who refuse to have their Dog put under observation after said Dog has Bitten an individual shall be meted a fine of Ten Thousand Pesos (P10,000.00).
4. Dog Owners who refuse to have their Dog put under observation and do not shoulder the medical expenses of the person Bitten by their Dog shall be meted a fine of Twenty-Five Thousand Pesos (P25,000.00).
5. Dog Owners who refuse to put leash on their Dogs when they are brought outside the house shall be meted a fine of Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) for each incident.
6. An Impounded Dog shall be released to its Owner upon payment of a fine of not less than Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00) but not more than One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00).

7. Any person found guilty of trading Dog for meat shall be fined not less than Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) per Dog and subjected to imprisonment for one to four years.

8. Any person found guilty of using electrocution as a method of euthanasia shall be fined not less than Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) per ordinance and subject to imprisonment for one to four years.

9. If the violation is committed by an alien,, he or she shall be immediately deported after service of sentence without any further proceedings.

**SECTION 12. Implementing Rules and Regulations.**— The MAO in coordination with the RHUs, DILG, DepEd, and NGOs DENR, NGOs and POs shall issue the necessary rules and regulations within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 13. Appropriations.**— A certain amount necessary to implement the provisions of this ordinance shall be initially charged against the appropriations of the MAO and RHUs, DILG under the Annual Budget. For the barangays, requirements shall be taken from their Internal Revenue Allotment and other local funds. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its continued implementation shall be included in the Annual Budget.


**SECTION 14. Separability Clause.**— In case any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional, the other provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 15. Repealing Clause.** — Ordinance, resolutions and other issuances inconsistent with these Ordinance are hereby deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

**SECTION 16. Effectivity.** — This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its final approval.

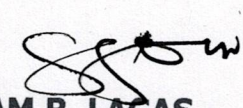
**UNANIMOUSLY ENACTED** on its third and final reading during the 19<sup>th</sup> regular session of the Sangguniang Bayan of Buug, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.

**ATTESTED:**

  
**HON. ARNULFO D. LIM**  
Vice-Mayor/Presiding

  
**ROSAMEE VILLASOR-APDUHAN**  
Sanggunian Secretary

**APPROVED:**

  
**HON. JONAM R. LAGAS**  
Municipal Mayor