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Literal Copy of *Municipal Ordinance No. 2020 -037* approved by the Sangguniang Bayan of Palanan, Isabela in its Regular Session on *March 16, 2020* held at the Legislative Session Hall, this Municipality.

Sponsored by: *HON. RONNIE A. ATIENZA, Sangguniang Bayan Member*

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 2020-037

AN ORDINANCE 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 Palanan, Isabela in session assembled, that:

SECTION 1. TITLE. This Ordinance shall be known as "*Rabies Control Ordinance*" of the Municipality of Palanan, Isabela.

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 charge, care or control of a Dog including his/her representative.

(c) **RABIES VETERINARY OFFICE** refers to duly authorized body or representative person responsible to 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** means the owner's house, or fenced yard, where other people have no reason to enter 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 veterinarian.

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

(i) **EUTHANASIA** refers to the process of painless death to Dogs and 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, markets, streets, etc.

(m) **RABIES** - refers to a highly 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.

(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 immunoglobulin by a trained doctor or nurse under the supervision of a qualified medical practitioner

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(p) **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 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.

(q) **POST-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (P.E.P.)** refers to Rabies vaccination administered before an 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** refer to drugs that depress the function of the central nervous system.

SECTION 4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PET OWNERS – All Pet 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, for accurate record purposes.
- (b) Submit their Dogs 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 5. COMPOSITION OF MUNICIPAL RABIES CONTROL COORDINATING COUNCIL (MRCC).

A *Municipal Rabies Control Coordinating Council (MRCCC)* 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:

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| Municipal Mayor | - Chairperson |
| Sangguniang Bayan Members | - Vice – Chairperson (Chairperson, Committee on Health and Agriculture) |

MEMBERS:

- Municipal Agriculturist
- Veterinarian
- Municipal Health Officer
- Chief of Police –Palanan Police Station
- MLGOO
- LNB President
- MPDC
- Academe Representative

SECTION 6. RABIES VACCINATION

Every dog 3 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 3 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 telephone number
2. Description of dog (species, breed, sex, markings, age, name)
3. Dates of vaccination and vaccination expiration
4. Vaccine producer
5. Manufacturer's serial number
6. Veterinarian's signature

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The owner will be provided with a copy of the certificate. The Veterinarian will retain one copy for the duration of the vaccination. As durable metal or 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 in mass vaccination campaign.

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 their 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 are 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.

SECTION 10. 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 the guidance on the destruction methods to be used (shooting, poisoning, carbon dioxide or anesthetic overdose or euthanasia) in different environments (area of habitation, market place, 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 a registration or vaccination certificate.

SECTION 11. REPORTING BITING INCIDENTS

The owner of a dog which 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 Worker 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 victim/s 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. As such, it is hereby mandated:

- (1) That 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) That 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.
- (3) That Dogs which have been impounded three times shall only be released after having been sprayed

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SECTION 14. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF ORDINANCE

Any dog owner who fails to abide by any of the provision of this Ordinance shall be subjected to a fine of *Two Thousand Five Hundred (P 2, 500.00) Pesos or imprisonment of six (6) months* or both at the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 15. APPROPRIATIONS.

An 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- Palanan District are hereby directed to implement the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 17. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision of this Ordinance declared unconstitutional, the other provisions or part/s thereof not so affected shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 18. REPEALING CLAUSE. All ordinances, rules and regulation 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, March 16, 2020.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance.

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