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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 008, S. 2010

AN ORDINANCE ON THE CONTROL AND ELIMINATION OF RABIES BY REGULATING THE ACQUISITION, OWNERSHIP AND POSESSION OF DOGS.

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SECTION 1. Definition of Terms

Animals – the term "animals" used in this ordinance is limited only to domesticated dogs within the City/Municipal of Baybay; Concerned Officials – refers to barangay officials, health workers, police officers or government veterinarians;

Direct Supervision – refers to range supervision where physical presence of the veterinarian within the barangay is necessary;

Dog – the term "dog" shall apply to a specific quadruped domestic animal belonging to the order carnivore (male of female) scientifically known as **canis familiaris**;

Enclosed Premises – means the owner's house, or fence yard, where people have no reason to enter except to conduct business or visit the members of the household;

Euthanasia - refers to the process of painless death to Dogs and other animals;

Has been bitten – means has been seized with the teeth so that skin of the person has been wounded or pierced, including scratches;

Impound - refers to seized and hold in custody of the law;

Owner – the term owner shall mean any person keeping, harboring or having charge or control of or permitting any dog to habitually be a remain on or be logged or fed within such person's house, yard of premises;

Pound - refers to a public enclosure for astray animals;

Public place - refers to any place open to the public like parks, malls, markets, streets, etc.

Rabies – refers to a highly fatal disease caused by a **Iyssa virus**, transmitted mainly through the bite of an infected animal and is characterized by muscle paralysis, hydrophobia and aerophobia and other neurological manifestations;

Rabies Control Committee – duly authorized person or persons responsible for the enforcement of this ordinance as herein provided;

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 skin and of mucous membranes such as the eyes, the lips, the mouth or the genital organs;

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Rabies Vaccination of Dogs - means the inoculation of a dog with a rabies vaccine licensed for the species by the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), Department of Agriculture. Such vaccinationmust be performed by a licensed Veterinarian assisted by trained livestock personnel from the BAI, Provincial veterinary Office and City/Municipal Agriculturist Office;

Rabies Vaccination/Imunoprophylaxis 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;

Registration - means the presentation by the owner of the dog to the authorized person for purposes of recording the identity of the dog and its owner.

Restrained - means leashed or caged;

Stray Dog - refers to any Dog leaving its Owner's place or premise and no longer under the effective control of the owner:

SECTION 2. City Rabies Control Committee

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

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

- Mayor
- 2. City/Mun. Committee Members (Chairperson of the Committee on Health and Agriculture)
- City/Mun. Agriculture/CAO/MAO
- City/Mun. Health Officer
- 5. City/Mun. PNP Commander
- 6. Schools Division Superintendent
- President, Association of Barangay Chairman 7.
- Two (2) NGO Representatives
- City/Mun. Veterinary Officer 9.
- 10. President, Federation of Homeowners Association

Note: Other suggested members:

- CPDC/MPDC
- Clergymen
- **DILG** Representative

A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The CRCC/MRCC will meet every first Wednesday of the month or as the need arises.

After the formation of the CRCC/MRCC, the committee shall formulate the implementing rules and guidelines for the implementation of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. Fund Allocations

- 3.1. The Local Government Unit shall allocate in its regular annual budget a fund that shall be used by the CRCC/MRCC in the implementation of its rabies prevention and control program. The amount shall be determined by the CRCC/MRCC to cover such activities, among others, to wit:
 - a. Acquisition of vaccines and other paraphernalia;
 - a.1 anti-rabies vaccines for the dogs
 - a.2 anti-rabies vaccines for humans (victims)
 - a.3 dog tags
 - a.4 dog cards
 - b. Training of Indigenous Vaccinators;
 - c. Reproduction of Information Education Campaign materials;
 - d. Travel expenses of involved personnel;
 - e. Celebration of Dog Vaccination Day every September 28, which is also the World Rabies Day;

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f. Giving of incentives or plaque for barangays with highest vaccination coverage.

g. Others (Conduct of special events such as "Dog Show "featuring the askals", Seminar on Responsible Pet Ownership, massive information dissemination of the IRR of the ordinance, etc.)

3.2 The CRCC/MRCC shall submit an Annual Action Plan, with corresponding Budgetary Requirement, to the Sangguniang Panglungsod for approval. The SP/SB resolution which shall provide for the annual CRCC/MRCC funds shall be the basis for the release of the said funds from the City/Municipal Treasurer's Office.

SECTION 4. Establishment of a Trust Fund

- 4.1 All monetary proceeds accruing (such as vaccination and registration fees, penalties, etc.). in relation to the enforcement of this ordinance shall go to a trust fund to be established by the city. Such fund, upon then attainment of a sufficient level, shall be used to bank roll the 0 implementation of the city's/municipal's rabies control and prevention program substituting the fund allocation mentioned in Section 3. An amount of Eighty pesos (P80.00) shall be charged for each animal registration to cover the cost of vaccines, syringes, dog tags and dog card and for miscellaneous expenses and Fifty pesos (P50.00) thereafter for the vaccination of dogs every year.
- 4.2 An additional TWENTY PESOS (P20.00) shall be collected by the concerned Barangay Treasurer for the maintenance of the barangay dog pound and other related expenses. This is means that the concerned Barangay Treasurer's shall remit the P80.00 of their collection per dog = to the City/Municipal Agriculture Office (CAO/MAO), who shall remit the same to the City/Mun. Treasurer's Office (CTO/MTO), after proper recording.
- 4.3 The collection of the CRCC/MRCC shall be remitted by the City/Mun. Agriculture Office (CAO/MAO) to the City/Mun. Treasurer's Office, under the General Fund but shall only be used for CRCC/MRCC - related undertakings. The said funds shall be released by the Treasurer's Office upon submission of the required proposal and other necessary documents.

SECTION 5. Duties and Responsibilities of the Pet Owners

All pet owners shall be required to:

 Have their dogs registered upon reaching the age of 3 months and every year thereafter ation the Office of the Barangay Chairman;

 Have their dog/s regularly vaccinated against rabies every year or as indicated on the label/literature of the vaccine, but in no case should exceed 24 months. The dog/s shall be vaccinated within 30 days after they have reached 3 months of age;

Have unvaccinated dogs registered after reaching the age of 3 months and dogs 3 months old and above not previously registered shall be vaccinated immediately after registration. The dog owner shall pay such registration fee as maybe determined by the City/Municipal Rabies Control Committee:

Maintain control over their dog and not allow it to roam the streets or any public place without a leash:

5. Be a responsible owner by providing their dog with proper grooming, adequate food and clean

6. The owner of the dog, which has bitten any person and the person who had been bitten shall, within 24 hours of the occurrence, report the incident to the City/Municipal Health Authority, barangay officials or police officers;

7. Assist dog bite victim immediately and shoulder the medical expenses incurred and other incidental expenses relative to victim's injuries, unless the bite was infected by a restrained and registered dog or had occurred within the owners enclosed premises, except if the victim is a trespasser or a fugitive from law.

8. Pay for the medical expenses of the victims in case his/her dog caused a trafficent in which case arrangements shall be made between the owner and the bite victime

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SECTION 6. Duties and Responsibilities of other agencies

A. Department of Agriculture/City/Mun. Agriculturist Office

1. Maintain and improve animal rabies surveillance system;

2. Strengthen that raining of field personnel;

 Coordinate with the other concerned agencies like the Department of education, Department of Interior and Local Government, Philippine National Police, nongovernment organizations and People's Organization in the information, education and communication activities on rabies prevention and control and responsible pet ownership; and

4. Monitor and observe the condition of the impounded dogs, especially those that have

bitten a person.

Maintain a dog registry for the entire City/Municipality of Baybay and other vital information towards the elimination of rabies.

Maintain a proper recording of the collection for the dog registration and the remittance
of the same to the City/Mun. Treasurer's Office, which shall be the basis for the
proposal and request for the release of funds for CRCC/MRCC-related activities.

7. Coordinate with the Barangay Rabies Control Committee (BRCC) to control the in and

out transport of dogs, to minimize the spread of rabies.

7.1 Issue a transport permit to dogs upon presentation of the ff: a) certificate of registration, dog tag and dog card issued by the concerned barangay captain,

and b) certificate of vaccination issued by the concerned Vaccinator.

7.1 Ensure that the transported dog(s) have a transport permit. If none, the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA)/Bus Terminal and Traffic Management Office shall report the case to the City/Mun. Agriculture Office (CAO/MAO) who shall conduct the on-the-spot registration and vaccination of the concerned dog(s) before it is allowed to disembark the vessel/vehicle.

B. Department of Health/Rural Health Units 1&2/WLPH

 Ensure the availability of adequate supply of DOH- pre-qualified human Anti-Rabies Vaccine in animal bite treatment at all times and shall coordinate with other implementing agencies and concerned NGOs for this purpose;

2. The Western Leyte Provincial Hospital (WLPH) shall provide for the Post Exposure (Treatment at the minimum expense to individuals bitten by the dog suspected being rabid

which will consist on the initial vaccine and immunoglobin dose; and

 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 for free.

C. Department of Education

 Strengthen education and information dissemination on rabies prevention and control through school health teaching/curriculum;

2. Coordinate with the LGU, DILG, NGOs and POs on education and information dissemination on rabies prevention and control.

D. Barangay Officials

 The Barangay Officials should have a vaccination dog registry, updated annually and submit such copy to the City/Mun. Agriculture Office for not later than February of every year;

Inform their residents on responsible pet ownership and the rabies control and prevention. The officials shall also coordinate with CAO/MAO and DILG in the

registration of all the pet dogs in their barangay;

 The barangay Officials, after receiving any dog biting incident, shall immediately transfer the information to the City/Mun. Rabies Control Committee, through the City/Mun. Agriculture Office within 24 hours, for investigation;

Barangay Officials shall facilitate the immediate transfer or transport of dog-bitten victims to the Western Leyte Provincial Hospital (WLPH) for immediate medical

attention;

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- 5. Barangay Officials shall make sure that the dog that have bitten the person be safe or be confined in a certain closed premise for further study and observation by the CAO/MAO within the next 14 days from the day of the incident. For stray dogs, Barangay Captains shall be in-charged of keeping them.
- 6. Every barangay must establish a dog pound. The design, with four (4) separate divisions for the puppies, male, female and sick dogs, shall be provided for by the City/Mun. Planning and Development Office (CPDO/MPDO). However, to facilitate the implementation of this ordinance, the barangays may recycle areas in the barangay or use bamboo or wood in putting up a temporary dog pound. But the soonest they have enough funds for the purpose, they must establish a permanent dog pound designed by the CPDO/MPDO.
- Fach barangay shall appoint a dog catcher/dog pound in-charge who shall be trained by the CAO/MAO and shall be given incentives from the penalties paid for by the violators. The dog catchers/dog pound in-charge shall not be liable to whatever will happen to the dog(s) while at the dog pound. If the dog(s) are unclaimed in three (3) days, the dog pound in-charge shall inform the CAO/MAO, who will in turn coordinate with the Provincial Veterinarian/VSU Veterinarian for proper disposition of the said dog(s).
- The barangay shall organize the Barangay Rabies Control Committee (BRCC) and shall institute the mechanism to control the in and out transport of dogs, to minimize the spread of rabies.

E. Philippine National Police

- Assist the barangay officials in the enforcement of this ordinance and in the conduct of monitoring on any violation of this ordinance and the Animal Welfare Act.
- 2. Effect arrest/Assist enforcers in apprehending violator(s).
- 3. Prepare documentation and file appropriate charges in court against the violator(s)

SECTION 7. Duties and Responsibilities of the City/Municipal Veterinarian/ Vaccinator/City/Mun. Agriculturist Office

- It shall be the duty of each veterinarian, when vaccinating any dog, to complete a
 certificate of rabies vaccination (in duplicate) for each normal animal vaccinated. The
 certificate shall include the following information.
 - a. Owner's name, address and telephone number (if any);
 - b. Description of dog (color, sex, markings, age, name, species and breed (if any);
 - c. Dates of Vaccination and the next vaccination period
 - d. Rabies vaccination tag number;
 - e. Vaccine producer:
 - f. Vaccinator's signature:
 - g. Veterinarian's license number/vaccinator's address
- The dog owner shall be provided with a copy of certificate. The veterinarian/vaccinator shall retain one copy of the certificate. A durable metal or plastic tag, serially numbered, issued by the veterinarian/vaccinator, shall be securely attached to the collar of the dog.

NOTE: The above provision may not apply in a mass vaccination campaign.

3. Private veterinary practitioners should coordinate closely with the City/Municipal Agriculturist office. They shall furnish the CAO/MAO a copy of the recording of their clients within 24 hours after the client's visit. Such record/s of client shall include those stated in Section 7, Number 1 (items a-g).

SECTION 8. Responsibilities of the LGU

- Ensure that all dogs are properly registered, immunized and issued corresponding dog tag and dog cards for every immunized and registered dog;
- 2. Strictly enforce dog impounding activities and field control to eliminate stray dogs;

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- Ensure that dogs are leashed or confined within the premises of the owner's house or owner's house surroundings;
- Allocate funds on the financing of supplies and human and dog vaccines needed for for immunization, as stipulated in Section 3 of this ordinance;

Only the indigent owner of the dog(s) is entitled to avail of the free anti-rabies vaccination. However, they shall be required to secure for a certification from the City/Municipal Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO/MSWDO) that they are indeed indigent, based on the Barangay Management Information System (BMIS) at the City/Mun. Administrator's Office.

 Ensure the enforcement of Section 6 of Republic Act No. 8485 or The Animal 'Welfare Act of 1998.

Establish and maintain a Dog Impound where impounded dogs shall be kept. The impounding area shall be segregated according to the following:

- a. Considered registered dogs;
- b. Astray dogs; and
- c. Dogs that has bitten a person.
- Create/Organize an Ad Hoc Committee to oversee the issue of proper dogs elimination. LGU shall enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Provincial Veterinary Office and the Visayas State University (VSU), College of Veterinary Medicine for the methods of disposing said animals considering R.A. 8485.
- The Local Chief Executive shall issue an office order creating the City/Mun. Rabies Control Committee (CRCC/MRCC) identifying the regular members and other additional members deemed necessary.
- 4. Institute a certain mechanism to control the transport (in and out) of pet dogs to minimize the spread of rabies.

SECTION 9. Elimination of Unregistered Dogs

Pursuant to R. A. 8485, otherwise known as "The Animal Welfare Act of 1998", the killing of any animal dog is declared lawful when done for the purpose of animal population control. However, the killing of the animals shall be done through humane procedures at all times which means the use of the most scientific methods available as may be determined and approved by the committee.

Impounded dogs shall be disposed of after the third day of their capture, confiscation or impoundment. If unclaimed after three days from capture, confiscation or impoundment, the CRCC/MRCC, through the CAO/MAO, shall dispose the said animals through the most humane possible methods. Diseased animals shall be condemned after proper examination by the City/Mun. Agriculturist. Healthy dogs and other animals shall be donated to a research institution or shall be killed humanely.

Unregistered dogs over the age of 4 months shall be seized and humanely destroyed under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian of the City/Mun. Rabies Control Committee or vaccinated and registered under the provisions of section 7.

The licensed veterinarian/trained vaccinator of the Rabies Control Committee shallgive guidance to the destruction methods to be used (shooting, poisoning, carbon monoxide, anesthetic overdose and lethal injection) in different environments (area of habitation, market place, rubbish dump, open countryside, etc.).

The licensed veterinarian/trained vaccinator of the Rabies Control Committee and/or police officer may enter any area for the purpose of seizing or destroying a dog which is liable to be seized under this section.



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NOTE: Elimination is based on the presence of absence of a dog and/or a registration or vaccination certificate.

SECTION 10. Penalties for Violation of this Ordinance

Any person who fails to abide by any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subjected to the following penalties:

- Pet owners who fail or refuse to have their Dog registered and immunized against Rabies shall be punished by/with a fine of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P2,500.00);
- 2. Pet owners who refuse to have their dogs vaccinated against Rabies shall be liable to pay for the vaccination of both the Dog and the individuals bitten by their dog
- 3. Pet owners who refuse to have their dog put under observation, after the said dog has bitten an individual, shall be meted a fine of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P2,500.00);
- Pet owners who refuse to have their dogs put under observation and do not shoulder the medical expense of the person bitten by the Dog, shall be meted a fine of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (2,500.00);
- Pet owners who refuse to put leashed on their dogs, when they are brought outside the house, shall be meted a fine of FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P500.000 for each incident;
- 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 with not less than TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P2,500.00) per act and subject to imprisonment for not more than ten (10) days;
 - 7.1 Persons found guilty of slaughtering dogs for consumption, such as "pulutan" during drinking spree, shall also be fined TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P2,500.00) per dog slaughtered;
- 8. Any person found guilty of using electrocution as a method of euthanasia shall be fined with not less than TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P2,500.00) pen act and subject to imprisonment for not more than ten (10) days.

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

The Baybay City/Mun. Police Station shall, in the absence of a City/Municipal Legal Officer, prepare the documentation for filing in court, of the offense committed in violation of this ordinance.

Enforcers shall be, but not limited to, the members of the PNP, City/Mun. Law Enforcement Auxiliary Group (LEAG), Barangay Tanods, City/Mun. and Barangay Officials, and any private individuals (Citizen's Arrest).

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authorized to enter into a lease contract with the present occupant of the canteen subject to some conditions a herein set forth of the ordinance.

- e. In order to maintain the symbolic stature and a power of the legislative session hall it shall not be made available for lease or use to other persons/entities regardless of its purpose except for extreme necessity as determined by the presiding officer and council;
- f. For the stalls a monthly rental of Three Thousand Five Hundred (P3,500.00) Pesos per stall shall be the initial rent for the first year of the contract thereafter the city mayor thru its representative may increase the rent by not more than 10%. However, should the city mayor find it more beneficial to the city government to lease all stalls to a single individual or entity he/she may do so provided a bidding among interested individual or entities shall be conducted and the highest bidder shall be given the contract of lease but in no case that the winning bid be less than Three Thousand Five Hundred (P3,500.00) Pesos per stall. The city mayor or his/her authorized representative is further authorized to regulate the kind of business that the stall lessee may engage during the period of the contract of lease.

SECTION 111. USE FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES

Whenever, the above facilities are used for public purposes by the City Government of the City of Baybay or any of the agencies of the national government they shall be free of charge.

Public Purposes shall mean the activity is related to or in furtherance of the official function of the agency concerned.

SECTION 1V. AVAILMENT OF DISCOUNTED RATE

- a. All regular employee and elective government officials of the City of Baybay shall be entitled to a 30% discount for the use of any of the above facilities for private purposes.
- b. All NGOs Pos and Civic Organizations accredited by the Local government shall likewise be entitled to the same discount for the use of the <u>legislative function room</u>, <u>gymnasium and legislative auditorium</u> provided the activit(ies) is/are, for their common benefits, however, if the activit(ies) or purpose of the use is to promote tourism industry of the city or in furtherance to or in relation with the programs of the city government as certified to be the City Mayor or the City Administrator it is free of charge.

SECTION V. SCHEDULING OF ACTIVITIES AND PAYMENT OF RATES

The Office of the Sangguniang Panlungsod thru the Secretary of the SP or in his/her absence the next ranking employee shall receive, facilitate and plot the schedule of the application of first-come -first serve basis for the use of any of the facilities above The plotted schedule shall be posted in the Bulletin Board of SP.

The payment shall be made directly at the City Treasurer's Office and the official receipt shall be made the basis for SP to confirm the schedule. In cases for the activities of the NGOs, Pos and Civic Organizations which are free of charge the letter request which is duly approved by the City Mayor or City Administrator shall served as confirmation slip/authority to book their activity.

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The violator, upon conviction by the proper court, shall pay the corresponding fine at the City/Mun. Treasurer's Office. A copy of the Court Decision Order would be the basis for the issuance of receipt by the Treasurer's Office.

A monetary reward of FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (P500.00), Philippine currency, shall be given to any person who gives information leading to the arrest of the person(s) committing or had committed violation of this ordinance.

Any monetary reward of ONE THOUSAND PESOS (P1,000.00), Philippine currency, shall be given to any private individual who could perform Citizen's Arrest and/or to the Law Enforcers who made the arrest of any violator of this ordinance.

The monetary reward shall be taken from the amount paid for by the violator. The City/Munc Agriculture office (CAO/MAO) shall collect the fine from the violator, issue a temporary receipt, and facilitate the payment of both the fines and the rewards to the CTO/MTO and the whistleblower or arresting officer or both, respectively.

Thus, the official receipt, which the CTO/MTO will issue to the CAO/MAO, will only be equivalent to the remaining amount, after deducting the monetary reward(s). It shall be the responsibility of the CAO/MAO to keep records of all the payments related to CRCC/MRCC undertakings and to give the OR to the violator.

SECTION 11. It shall be the responsibility of the City/Municipal Rabies Control Committee to enforce said ordinance as defined under sections 1 and 6.

SECTION 12. Repealing Clause.

Ordinance rules and regulations contrary to or inconsistent with the provision of this Ordinance are hereby amended, repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 13. Separability Clause.- If any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional, the remaining provision shall not be affected by the said declaration and shall remain valid.

SECTION 14. The ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days from its publication in a local newspaper.

RESOLVED, FURTHER, to let certified copies of this ordinance be furnished to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of Leyte for their approval and other offices concerned for their

information and appropriate action.

ENACTED, October 4, 2010

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing ordinance which was duly adopted by the Sangguniang Panlungsod during its regular session held on October 4, 2010

AMELITO V. BORNEO Secretary to the SP

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED TO BE DULY ADOPTED:

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