

PVET OFFICE CONDUCTS MASS VACCINATION OF DOGS AGAINST RABIES

The tall order “vaccinate ALL dogs”.

- PA Lopez

Alarmed by the very high incidence of rabies cases in 2013 wherein 13 Isabeleños have lost their lives, Atty. Noel Manuel R. Lopez, Provincial Administrator , ordered the Staff of the Provincial Veterinary Office (PVET Office) to conduct vaccination of ALL dogs in the barangays with positive rabies cases in order to control the spread of the disease.

Rabies is a highly fatal disease predominantly affecting warm-blooded animals such as dogs and cats including man. It is a disease of the nervous system with clinical signs of mania and paralysis and later on death. Transmission is usually through bites of rabid animals.

As early as January, the PVET Staff have started the campaign against rabies. They conducted mass vaccination of dogs in the barangays considered as priority areas for rabies control because of history of rabies in the area.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MUNICIPALITY</u>	<u>BARANGAY</u>	<u>NO. OF DOGS VACCINATED</u>
January 8	San Mariano	Balagan	183
January 16	Cordon	Tarinsing	207
January 2	Echague	Malitao	235
January 22	Cabatuan	Diamantina	320
January 23	Ilagan	Cabisera 22	77
January 25	Tumauini	Fermeldy	251
February 5	Cabatuan	Namnama	233
February 6	Ilagan	Alinguigan 1 st	242
February 7	Burgos	Caliguian	370
February 11	Tumauini	Moldero	210
February 12	Ilagan	Alinguigan 2 nd	270
February 13	Ilagan	Cabisera 23	74
February 14	Tumauini	San Mateo	344
		Malamag West	<u>178</u>
		TOTAL:	3,194

For next week, the PVET Staff is again set to vaccinate ALL dogs in the following barangays:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MUNICIPALITY</u>	<u>BARANGAY</u>
February 18	Burgos	Caliguian
February 20	Aurora	San Pedro-San Pablo
February 21	Echague	Silauan Norte

AN APPEAL:

For the dog owner in the aforementioned barangays scheduled for vaccination next week, PLEASE leash all your dogs to facilitate vaccination.



A responsible pet owner is somebody who takes care of his dog: feeds it well, bathe it regularly and have it vaccinated against rabies yearly.



To ensure that all dogs are vaccinated, Modesto Cabaccan, a staff of the PVET Office uses a dog catcher to catch untamed and stray dogs.



Dr. Angelo C.Nai, Provincial Veterinarian, leads the mass vaccination of dogs against rabies.