



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF ISABELA
City of Ilagan

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 12 - 2019

REORGANIZING THE PROVINCIAL ANTI-RABIES TASK FORCE TO STRICTLY ENFORCE REPUBLIC ACT 9482 OR "THE ANTI-RABIES ACT OF 2007", AND MONITOR COMPLIANCE OF ALL LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS WITH THE PROVISIONS THEREOF INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, VACCINATION AND DOG IMPOUNDING

WHEREAS, it is the declared policy of the State, as embodied in Republic Act 9482, otherwise known as "The Anti-Rabies Act of 2007," to protect and promote the right to health of the people, and 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 established;

WHEREAS, all animal species are susceptible to rabies virus infection, and dogs and other pets are among the common reservoirs for the disease, with the rabies virus most commonly transmitted through bites and the virus-containing saliva of an infected host animal or pet;

WHEREAS, rabies infection is one of the most acutely fatal human infections and it is responsible for the deaths of 300-600 Filipinos annually, such that contemporary medical protocol dictates the immediate and complete administration of anti-rabies and anti-tetanus shots to individuals bitten by animals;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the policy of the Provincial Government to ensure the strict implementation of RA 9482 in all cities and municipalities in the province of Isabela, including compliance with vaccination laws, dog impounding, and animal control and capture measures, the Provincial Anti-rabies Task Force was organized in 2017;

WHEREAS, the change in the leadership of the province of Isabela after the elections of May 2019 and the separation, transfer and/or promotion from office of the members of the Provincial Anti-Rabies Task Force warrants the reorganization of the body;

Now therefore, I, **RODOLFO T. ALBANO III**, Governor of Isabela, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby decree the following:

Section 1. Reorganization. The **Provincial Anti-Rabies Task Force** is hereby reorganized to carry out the initiatives of the Provincial Government pursuant to its anti-rabies policy.

Section 2. Composition. The Task Force shall be reconstituted as follows:

Chairman:	HON. RODOLFO T. ALBANO III
Vice Chairman:	DR. ANGELO C. NAUI Provincial Veterinarian

Action Officer: DR. NELSON O. PAGUIRIGAN
Provincial Health Officer II

Members : President, Liga ng mga Barangay

Provincial Agriculturist

SDS, Schools Division Office-Department of Education

Engr. Corazon Toribio
DILG-Province of Isabela

Representative of NGO advocating responsible
pet ownership

Representative of NGO advocating Health

Media Representatives

Section 3. Functions. The Reorganized Provincial Anti-Rabies Task Force shall have the same functions as the previous Task Force, to wit:

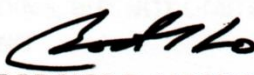

- a) Implement the Rabies Elimination Plan of the government to accomplish the country's zero-rabies development goal, consistent with "The Anti-Rabies Act of 2007";
- b) Develop, sustain, and utilize an anti-rabies database that includes locations within the province with incidence of rabies infection;
- c) Establish tight cooperative links with government and non-government offices for the implementation of anti-rabies initiatives and the Rabies Elimination Plan;
- d) Ensure the compliance of all cities and municipalities in Isabela with the provisions of RA 9482, including the conduct of regular free dog vaccination campaigns throughout the province, and with all laws and ordinances in accordance with the national strategy in rabies elimination ;
- e) Effect animal control and capture initiatives and other related undertakings aimed at promoting public health and safety in Isabela;
- f) Conduct public awareness campaign on rabies infection, its prevention, responsible pet ownership, and other campaigns in support of the Rabies Elimination Plan;
- g) Propose legislation for pet registration and other measures in accordance with its mandate and coordinate with the proper offices on the implementation of such measures;
- h) Recruit and screen volunteers from the private or public sector to perform specific functions in support of the Rabies Elimination Plan;
- i) Submit a monthly Report containing all observations, findings and recommendations to the Provincial Governor for his action;
- j) Perform other tasks as may be necessary to achieve the objectives of the Task Force.

Section 4. Funding. The funding requirements for the operations of the PARTF shall be sourced from the Office of the Governor, subject to the usual budget, accounting, and auditing rules and regulations.

Section 5. Repealing Clause . All issuances, orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof that are inconsistent with any provision of this Order are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 6. Effectivity. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Issued this 25th day of July, 2019 in the City of Ilagan, Isabela.


RODOLFO T. ALBANO III
Governor 

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