



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF ISABELA
City of Ilagan

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 13 - 2019

DIRECTING ALL LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES IN THE PROVINCE OF ISABELA TO STRICTLY ENFORCE THE PROVISIONS OF REPUBLIC ACT 9482 OR "THE ANTI-RABIES ACT OF 2007" ON ANIMAL IMMUNIZATION AND REGISTRATION, DOG IMPOUNDING, AND FIELD CONTROL, TO ELIMINATE THE DANGERS POSED BY STRAY DOGS

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-loaded 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, it is the policy of the Provincial Government to ensure the implementation of an anti-rabies campaign in the province of Isabela, as well as the execution of vaccination laws and animal control and capture measures, in accordance with the national policy to attain the National Health Agenda for Rabies-Free Philippines by 2020;

WHEREAS, only government hospitals are accredited Animal Bite Treatment Centers and hospital records in recent years show an average of 15,000 dog bite victims yearly, with an average of 10 fatalities every year, mostly from stray dog bites;

WHEREAS, the Gov. Faustino N. Dy Memorial Hospital (Provincial Hospital) Animal Bite Treatment Center (ABTC) served 9,696 animal bite patients in 2017, and 8,882 in 2018, indicating minimal success in current efforts to enforce animal control measures to curb the spread of rabies infection;

WHEREAS, there is an immediate need to strictly implement especially in the barangay level, the provisions of Republic Act 9482 such as keeping dogs and other pets in cages or kennels, or on leash as a measure against the spread of rabies infection and to prevent and reduce stray dog bite incidents and reduce the health risks, inconvenience, and expensive treatment costs that accompany cases of animal bites and rabies infections;

Now therefore, I, **RODOLFO T. ALBANO III**, Governor of Isabela, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby direct all local chief executives in the province of Isabela to strictly enforce the provisions of Republic Act 9482 or "THE ANTI-RABIES ACT OF 2007" on dog impounding and field control to eliminate the dangers posed by stray dogs.

Nagkaisa para sa Isabela

Further, all local chief executives are hereby directed to effect the following activities in their respective areas of jurisdiction and submit reports to the Office of the Governor on the implementation of the same:

1. Establish and maintain Dog Pound/s for stray dogs
2. Impound all stray dogs
3. Ensure that every dog is on a leash or confined within its owner's fenced compound

Furthermore, the PGI shall charge origin LGUs ½ of the cost of vaccines administered to patients unless they have complied with this Order within a month after this issuance.

The PROVINCIAL ANTI-RABIES TASK FORCE is hereby directed to lead the monitoring of compliance of all local chief executives of Local Government Units with this Order, with the assistance of the following offices that are called upon to enhance the efforts of the LCEs.

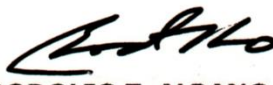
1. OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL VETERINARIAN
2. PROVINCIAL HEALTH OFFICE
3. PROVINCIAL PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE
4. DILG Provincial Office
5. LIGA NG MGA BARANGAY (LMB)
6. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION-SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE of Isabela

All Orders, circulars, memoranda, rules, regulations, and other issuances or parts thereof that are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, modified, or amended accordingly,

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Let all heads of government and private offices in the province of Isabela be furnished copies of this Executive Order.

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


RODOLFO T. ALBANO III
Governor 