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AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING MASS-IMMUNIZATION OF DOGS WITH ANTI-RABIES TO PROTECT HUMANS FROM RABIES WHICH IS A DREADED DISEASE

Sec. 1 - Definition:

- a. Rabies, a dangerous, deadly disease is caused by virus that infects mainly the central nervous system (brain and spinal cord). The virus can also be found in the muscle, saliva, urine, milk and blood of its victim and affects all warm-blooded animals, including humans;
- b. Incubation - period is approximately two to three months and can be as early as three weeks after a bite or as long as two years;
- c. Symptoms: The symptoms are headache, fever, dizziness, vomiting and flu-feeling. The victim has a sore throat with painful spasms during swallowing make affected individual's saliva drool from the mouth. Hyper-excitability and convulsive seizures precede certain death brought about by suffocation due to paralysis of the chest muscles and diaphragm - the inevitable outcome is fatal death;

Sec. 2 - Purpose - the mass-vaccination of dogs serves as a safety measure to protect humans, since mostly human rabies are transmitted when bitten by rabid dogs, or even only thru contact with their infected saliva.

Sec. 3 - The Department of Health personnel must intensify dissemination of information on the necessary measures to prevent humans from suffering the fatal outcome in cases of bitten by rabid dogs, together with other health concerns.

Health workers who are based in the barangays together with all NGOs, Barangay Captains, SKs must encourage/motivate dog-owners to subject their pets to the annual anti-rabies vaccination to insure compliance to this ordinance.

Sec. 4 - The DA Livestock Inspectors must undertake massive yearly anti-rabies immunization of dogs in all the barangays-utilizing requisitioned supplies from the Department of Agriculture which maybe augmented with local resources allocated for agricultural services, programs, projects and activities. Dog-owners may buy the vaccine from commercial outlets when necessary.

Sec. 5 - Penalty - Owners of dogs not immunized which bite persons and found rabid of the virus are required to shoulder the medical expenses to be incurred in the treatment of the victims to the full extent shown in the hospital bills presented for purpose of liquidating cash advances received or refund expenses as the case maybe.

Sec. 6 - Effectivity: This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after its approval.

Approved: January 25, 2000.

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