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QC starts anti-rabies vaccination program

THE local government of Quezon City will start its three month-long free dog vaccination program this week as part of its intensified campaign against rabies.

QC Mayor Herbert Bautista said the free anti-rabies vaccinations, to be conducted by the city veterinary office, will start in barangays with high incidence of animal bites and human rabies deaths.

"We plan to immunize about 70,000 dogs during the campaign. And we hope that through this program, we could expect a decrease on deaths in the city due to rabies," Bautista said.

According to city veterinarian Dr. Maria Ana Cabel, barangays Gulod, Sta. Monica, Payatas, Kaligayahan, Batasan Hills, Nagkaisang Nayon and Culiat in District 2 have been posting high animal bite cases since 2010.

Last year, the city veterinary office reported eight cases of human rabies deaths. Of the eight cases, seven victims came from District 2. The youngest fatality was six-year-old Raymond Pascua of Payatas B, who was bitten by a stray dog.

Cabel said stray dogs continue to remain as major transmitters of rabies.

Rabies is transmitted through animal bites or when a pet licks skin breaks and mucous membranes in the eyes and mouth area. It is deadly and could kill both humans and animals. The animal's virus-infected saliva causes inflammation of the brain, which leads to paralysis.

For the first six months of the year, about 1,800 stray dogs and cats were brought to the city's impounding area in Payatas.

Bautista said the project would also cover the castration and neutering of dogs and cats.

He said the QC government also maintains an animal bite center at the city health department office, where animal bite victims are entitled to free post exposure treatments, which consists of local treatment of the wound, followed by vaccine therapy.

Bautista said an anti-rabies task force was already formed to oversee the city's rabies elimination campaign, which was supported by the enactment of local ordinances on dog control that regulates the ownership and possession of dogs in homes and businesses.

According to the Department of Health (DOH), the Philippines is one of the countries with the highest rabies cases in the world, with deaths running from around 200 to 400 annually.

The DOH projects a rabies-free Philippines by 2020. – ***Angela B. Lopez de Leon***

QC Anti-Rabies

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QC to vaccinate 70,000 dogs

By Rio N. Araja

THE Quezon City government starts today a three-month vaccination of some 70,000 dogs in different communities.

Mayor Herbert Bautista ordered Ma. Ana Cabel, city veterinarian, to hold the anti-rabies drive together with the Rotary Club, Lions Club, Veterinary Foundation and Animal Welfare Coalition.

Bautista told Cabel to give priority to District II which had eight deaths along with high incidence of animal bites.

Bautista said the city's animal bite center has given patients with at least two free anti-rabies vaccinations.

He said an impounding area in Barangay Payatas is reserved for dogs, cats, fowls and other domestic animals left unattended in public places.

Bautista said a task force has been designated to lead the rabies-free campaign and drawing up measures to regulate ownership and possession of dogs at home and in businesses.

In the past six months, close to 1,800 stray dogs and cats were taken to the city pound with unredeemed animals disposed of through adoption or put to sleep for health reasons.

QC Anti-Rabies Drive

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DoH reminds dog owners to immunize pets against rabies

By JENNY F. MANONGDO

The Department of Health (DoH) reminded dog owners yesterday to immunize their pets against rabies to curb the rising number of rabies cases in the country.

Secretary of Health Francisco T. Duque III revealed that the Philippines ranked fifth among the highest incidence of rabies cases in the world in 2002 based on World Health Organization (WHO) data.

He said DoH data also revealed that it is during summer when rabies cases surge among children of school age.

Data from the DoH National Rabies Prevention and Control Program (NRPCP) showed that more than half of animal bite victims last year or about 64,450 persons were children 15-years-old and below.

The NRPCP also said that of the 113,379 victims of animal bites last year, 270 of them died due of rabies.

Rabies is a virus that can be passed on to humans through a bite from an infected animal. It attacks the central nervous system and is usually fatal.

Humans who become infected with rabies exhibit fever, nausea and vomiting, anorexia, headache, pain or numbness at bite site, hallucination, seizures, and paralysis that often lead to death.

Region 6 (Western Visayas) registered the highest number of rabies cases in the country with 39 followed by Central Luzon (Region 3) with 35 and Bicol (Region 5) with 30.

Central Visayas (Region 7) is fourth with 27 and Calabarzon (Region 4-A) is fifth with 23.

Duque advised victims of animal bites to immediately seek medical treatment and avoid traditional methods of treatment such as "tandok" as these may only worsen the victim's predicament.

Tandok is a form of traditional treatment where a horn of a deer is placed over the bite. It is believed that it can suck the rabies virus.

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ANTI-RABIES VACCINATION. A dog owner holds his pet for a shot of anti-rabies vaccine at the recent Free Anti-Rabies Vaccination project, sponsored by Quezon City Councilor Dr. Dorothy 'Doray' Delarmente (right, standing at the background), in Barangay Masambong. At least 220 dogs became beneficiaries of the project, bringing to 1,000 the number of dogs vaccinated since January in the thickly populated district in the premiere city. (Sel A. Baysa)

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3,000 QC dogs receive free anti-rabies shots

By SEL A. BAYSA

More than 3,000 dogs from several barangays in District 1 in Quezon City received free anti-rabies vaccination in the ongoing campaign initiated by Councilor Elizabeth A. Delarmente.

Now on its second year, the campaign seeks to provide dogs within the populated district anti-rabies shot to protect individuals, notably children, from the harmful effect of dog bites.

The Anti-Rabbies Vaccination campaign is being done in coordination with the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) and the Quezon City Health Department.

Delarmente or Tita Beth to her constituents, said more than 6,000 dogs were treated to anti-rabbies shots within District 1 last year.

She said, "there is a big probability that the number of dogs wihin the district would have multiplied this year, thus, we decided to set aside additional vaccines for the purpose."

Delarmente, assistant majority floorleader, said that the group-made up of doctors from the BAI and the QC Health office, are conducting vaccination right at the house of pet owners.

Also, she reminded dog owners of an existing ordinance banning dogs from wandering in streets.

Authored by her, the measure directs barangay and community leaders to arrest and lock-up these stray animals in holding areas within the barangay.

Of the 37 barangays in District 1, the Anti-Rabbies team has, so far, visited barangays Platok, Del Monte, Bungad and Salvacion, among others.

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RABBIES FREE QUEZON CITY. Secretary Manuel Dayrit of the Department of Health and Councilor Antonio Enrile-Inton of District IV, QC, representing QC Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr., share the honor in leading the celebration of 'Rabbies Awareness Month' at the Bureau of Animals Industry with the theme 'Responsible Pet Ownership, Responsableng Amo, Matinong Aso.' (VDA)

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Metro 2 MANILA BULLETIN THE NATION'S LEADING NEWSPAPER Sun., Mar. 9, 2003

Rabies elimination project widens

Reacting to an alarming increase in rabies cases, Mayor Feliciano "Sonny" Belmonte has designated 4th Dist. Councilor Antonio "Ariel" Inton Jr., chairman of the Committee on Justice and Human Rights, in cooperation with the Bureau of Animal Industry, Quezon City Veterinary Office, Department of Agriculture and in collaboration with National Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health, to initiate an all-out war against rabies menace.

The launching ceremony for rabies elimination project for the National Capital Region was held last March 3, coinciding with the yearly observance of the Rabies Awareness Month as per EO # 84 Declaring March as the Rabies Awareness Month, Rationalizing the Control Measures for the Prevention of Rabies and Appropriating Funds thereof." Fortunately, Quezon City was chosen as the venue for this event.

According to figures released by the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI), QC registered the highest laboratory confirmed animal rabies cases in the NCR since 1998. There were 73 cases in 1988, 33 cases in 2002, 89 cases in 2001 and 90 cases in 2002. There are 1,055 bite cases and 4 deaths for 2002 in humans.

"Let us begin to solve our rabies woes in the NCR starting in the NCR here in QC. Several measures have to be implemented to combat rabies. First we should prevent animals, especially dogs, to roam the streets. Many lives are in perils by passing in a street where rabid dogs could be waiting for their victims. These animals defecate or urinate everywhere turning clean streets to stinky pathways," Inton emphasized.

Inton stressed that establishing a QC pound to seize stray animals will be an effective way to prevent the spread of rabies. To complement this measure, part of the city's fund should be alloted for post-exposure and anti-rabies vaccination.



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"Owners of said animals must be responsible and sensitive enough to the welfare of other people. Everything is possible if we volunteer ourselves to support the cause," Inton said. (PR)

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QC gov't seeks site for dog pound

With the increasing number of stray dogs and dog bite cases, the Quezon City government is looking for an area to put up a city dog pound.

Dr. Maria Paz Ugalde, city health department chief, said Mayor Feliciano Belmonte Jr. and the city health department have begun looking for a place to put up a dog pound to house *askals* (*asong kalye* or stray dogs) and dogs that have bitten humans.

She said the mayor welcomed the proposal for a city dog pound because stray dogs can pose a threat to humans.

"It's a big undertaking to house stray dogs in one area," Ugalde said.

The city government is also encouraging all barangays in the city to lead a responsible dog ownership campaign at their level and put up a dog pound in their area.

According to Ugalde, more than 1,000 dog bite cases are reported every month from the city's four districts to the city health department. Payatas A, Payatas B, Batasan Hills and Commonwealth regularly report a high incidence of dog bites.

Cases of dog bites are treated in a clinic at the Quezon City Hall by giving anti-rabies immunization to patients and vaccinations for dogs.

The immunization, which costs 1,200 in private clinics, are given for free to patients who are residents of Quezon City.

Officials of the city health office are scheduled to meet with their counterparts in Marikina City, where the first city dog pound was opened.

— **Pia Lee-Brago**

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