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THE QUEZON CITY COMPREHENSIVE RABIES PREVENTION AND CONTROL ORDINANCE.

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WHEREAS, Section 489 (b) (3) (iv) of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local Government Code of 1991, grants power to the City Veterinarian, "to take the necessary measures to eradicate, prevent or cure all forms of animal diseases", for the consideration of the Sangguniang Panlungsod;

WHEREAS, through Ordinance No. 60, S-1947, owners of dogs over three (3) months old were required to pay a license fee for their registration and dog tags so as to monitor the animal population;

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WHEREAS, through Ordinance No. 1373, S-2004, a City Pound Section under the Veterinary Services Division of the Quezon City Health Department was created to address the need of safely and humanely containing stray animals and provide safety in the streets to the residents of the city;

WHEREAS, through Ordinance No. 1491, S-2005, elected and appointed Barangay Officials were deputized to undertake the apprehension of all stray animals and create their Barangay Animal Pound in their jurisdiction;

WHEREAS, through Ordinance No. 1638, S-2005, a regulation of ownership and/or possession of dogs in homes or businesses, defining certain prohibited acts was established;

WHEREAS, increasing reported rabies cases in both human and animal populations has ranked Quezon City consistently high in animal bites not taking into account the unreported cases;

WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to have a systematic approach in addressing the proper documentation of domesticated animals, particularly dogs and cats; through an organized registration, vaccination monitoring and proper animal handling of stray animals;

WHEREAS, Section 7 of Republic Act No. 9482, otherwise known as the Anti-Rabies Act of 2007, states the responsibilities of the Local Government Units in the implementation of the National Rabies, Prevention and Control Program and its Implementing Rules and Regulations under the Joint DA, DOH, DepEd, DILG Administrative Order No. 1, S-2008.

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NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF QUEZON CITY IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE – This ordinance shall be known as the "The Quezon City Comprehensive Rabies Prevention and Control Ordinance".

SECTION 2. SCOPE – The provisions of this ordinance shall cover the following:

2.1. mass registration and vaccination of domesticated animals;

2.2. establishment of a database system for registered and vaccinated animals;

2.3. impounding, field control and disposition of unregistered, stray and unvaccinated dogs;

2.4. conduct of information and education campaign on the prevention and control of Rabies; and

2.5. role of the government agencies.

SECTION 3. DEFINITION OF TERMS – For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

3.1 Bitten – refers to an act by which dog or cat seizes, cuts or grips with its teeth so that the skin of a person has been wounded, pierced or scratched.

3.2 Breeder – refers to individual/s who owns special variety of domesticated animals within the species with the main purpose of increasing the population of the said species.

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3.3 *Division – refers to the Veterinary Services Division of the Quezon City Health Department.*

3.4 *Domesticated animal/pet – although all species of mammals can become infected with the rabies virus, only cats and dogs are covered in this ordinance.*

3.5 *Impound – refers to seize and hold in the custody of the law.*

3.6 *Owner – refers to any person keeping, harboring or having charge, care or control of a domesticated animal including his/her representative.*

Shall also refer to any person to whom an animal remains or to which an animal customarily returns daily for a continuous period of ten (10) days.

3.7 *Pound – refers to a public enclosure for stray animals.*

3.8 *Post-exposure Treatment (PET) – refers to an Anti-Rabies treatment administered after an exposure to rabies, which include local wound care, rabies vaccine, with or without anti-rabies immunizing agent.*

3.9 *Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) – refers to Rabies vaccination administered to those who are at high risk of exposure of getting rabies.*

3.10 *Public Place – refers to any place open to the public like parks, malls, markets, streets, etc.*

3.11 *Rabies – refers to a highly fatal disease caused by a lyssa virus, transmitted mainly through the bite of an infected animal and is characterized by muscle paralysis, hydrophobia and aerophobia, and other neurological manifestations.*

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3.12 Rabies transmission – refers to the transmission or passage of the Rabies virus through a bite by an infected animal, or through contamination with virus-laden saliva on breaks in the skin and of mucous membranes such as the eyes, the lips, the mouth, or the genital organs.

3.13 Rabies Vaccination/Immunoprophylaxis of Humans – refers to the inoculation of humans, with modern day rabies vaccine or Rabies immunoglobulin, by a trained doctor or nurse under the supervision of a qualified medical practitioner.

3.14 Rabies Vaccination of Domesticated Animals – refers to the inoculation of a domesticated animal with a rabies vaccine by a licensed government or private veterinarian or trained individual under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian. The services of the trained individual shall be limited only to Rabies Vaccination Injection in domesticated animals and only during government mass vaccination campaigns.

3.15 Registration Card – dated document issued by the Veterinary Services Division of the Quezon City Health Department detailing the name, breed, colour, sex, trace number/letter of the registration tag of an animal and the name and address of the pet owner. It shall include the dates of vaccination and revaccination of the animals.

3.16 Stray domesticated animal – refers to any domesticated animal leaving its owner's place or premise and no longer under the effective control of the Owner.

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SECTION 4. MASS REGISTRATION and VACCINATION – A regular mass registration and vaccination of domesticated animals shall be held annually from January 1 to March 31 to coincide with the Rabies Awareness Month.

4.1 All domesticated animals vaccination conducted by any NGO's, PO's and government sponsored programs shall be coordinated with the Division.

Any organization intending to conduct any mass registration or vaccination of domesticated animals in a particular area must secure a permission from the barangay having territorial jurisdiction. The organization after securing permission must inform and secure a clearance from the Division prior to the conduct of the said registration. Clearance must be secured at least three (3) days before the announced registration.

4.2 Every resident of Quezon City who is an owner of any domesticated animal/s shall register the same with the Division when the said animal/s reaches the age of at least three (3) months. Registration shall be renewed annually.

For this purpose, the occupant of any premises, except a practicing veterinarian under his/her professional care, on which an animal/s remains or to which an animals/s customarily returns daily for a continuous period of ten (10) days, is presumed to be the owner of the said animal.

4.3 In all cases, the vaccination of animals shall be performed by a duly licensed veterinarian or by a trained vaccinator under the direct veterinary supervision.

4.4 A pet or any animals shows promoting the anti-rabies campaign is highly encouraged to be conducted during this period.

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4.5 Breeders must secure a license in line with existing laws, ordinances and rules and regulations.

SECTION 5. PROCESS OF REGISTRATION AND CORRESPONDING FEES –

5.1. An owner shall be required to :

5.1.1 Provide details of their pets for the first time registration. Must disclose all pertinent information and supporting documents, if any.

5.1.2. Present proof of rabies vaccination of the domesticated animal to be registered as previously issued by the Quezon City Veterinarian Office, any other public veterinarian, his/her license number and the date and place of vaccination.

5.1.3. Pay the registration fee of One Hundred Pesos (Php 100.00) per animal.

5.1.4. Present the Registration Card, if previously registered

5.2. The Division shall:

5.2.1. Issue a registration tag to each registered dog to be attached securely to the dog's collar or harness whenever the dog is not indoors or confined.

5.2.2. Issue a Registration Card to the owner.

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5.2.3. Keep records of animal registration as reflected in the Registration Card. The records must include subsequent renewal of registration and re-vaccination. Any change in ownership of the dog shall be reflected in the same records.

SECTION 6. RESPONSIBILITES OF THE VETERINARY SERVICES DIVISION OF THE QUEZON CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – the Division shall:

6.1. Ensure that all domesticated animals are properly immunized, registered and issued a tag for every immunized and registered domesticated animal.

6.2. Initiate and conduct the annual mass registration and vaccination of domesticated animals.

6.3. Establish a database system for registered and vaccinated dogs.

6.4. Strictly enforce domesticated impounding activities and field control to eliminate stray animals.

6.5. Conduct an information and education campaign on the prevention and control of rabies.

6.6. Encourage the practice of responsible pet ownership.

6.7. Prohibit the trade of Domesticated Animals for meat.

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6.8. Coordinate with the Department of Health and other concerned National Government Agencies for the provision of Post-Exposure Treatment at the minimum expense to the individual bitten by the animals suspected of being rapid which will consist of the initial vaccine and immunoglobin dose.

6.9. Coordinate with the Department of Health and other concerned National Government Agencies for the provision of Post-Exposure Treatment to high risk personnel such as, but not limited to laboratory staff, veterinarian, animal handlers, vaccinators and other persons working with Rabies for fee.

SECTION 7. RESPONSIBILITIES OF BARANGAY OFFICIALS – In fulfilling the implementation of this ordinance in every Barangay, Barangay Officials shall:

7.1. Provide assistance to the Division by means of information dissemination to their local jurisdiction during the annual mass registration and vaccination.

7.2. Submit an annual census of domesticated animal population in their area of jurisdiction to the Division.

7.3. Ensure that domesticated animals are leashed or confined within the premises of the owner's house or owner's fenced surroundings.

7.4. Require pet shops to post information regarding rabies and responsible pet ownership within their area of jurisdiction.

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7.5. Report all incidence of

7.5.1. animal biting;

7.5.2. animal breeders without licenses;

7.5.3. trade of dog meat.

SECTION 8. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PET OWNERS – All Pet Owners shall be required to:

8.1. submit domesticated animals for mandatory registration.

8.2. vaccination of domesticated animals and maintain a registration card which shall contain all vaccinations conducted on their domesticated animals.

8.3. maintain control over domesticated animals and not allow roaming of pets on the streets or any public place without a leash. The length of the leash shall not be more than 1.5 meters (5 feet) and the required dog tag shall be attached to the dog collar/ harness. Aggressive dogs shall be muzzled in public places.

8.4. report immediately to the concerned officials any biting incident within twenty-four (24) hours.

8.5. assist bitten victim immediately and shoulder the medical expenses incurred and their incidental expenses relative to the victims injuries.

8.6. submit animal/pet for observation to the Division or private veterinarian after the biting incident.

8.7. the owner shall be responsible for the proper collection and disposal of excreta/feces.

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8.8. be a responsible owner by providing their pets with proper grooming, adequate food and clean shelter.

SECTION 9. INCIDENTS OF DOG BITING

9.1. Within twenty-four (24) hours, biting incident must be reported to the concerned officials for investigation or for any appropriate action and place the dog under observation by a government or private veterinarian.

9.2 the dog shall not be killed or euthanized during the observation period of fourteen (14) days from the biting incident.

9.3. should the dog die during the observation period, the pet owner shall immediately submit the dog for rabies laboratory examination.

SECTION 10. IMPOUNDING, FIELD CONTROL AND DISPOSITION OF UNREGISTERED, STRAY AND UNVACCINATED DOMESTICATED ANIMALS – unregistered, stray and unvaccinated animals shall be put in Pounds and disposed of, taking into consideration the following:

10.1. unregistered, stray or unvaccinated animals shall be reported immediately to the nearest barangay and/or the Division.

10.2. the Division shall immediately proceed to the location of the reported animal by any individual or barangay officials.

10.3. unregistered, stray or unvaccinated animals shall be impounded and kept in the designated Pound of the city.

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10.4. impounded animals not claimed after three (3) days from the Pound shall be placed for adoption to qualified persons, with assistance of an animal welfare NGO, whenever feasible, or otherwise disposed of in any manner authorized, subject to the provisions of Republic Act 8485, otherwise known as the "Animal Welfare Act of 1998".

10.5 a fee shall be paid by the owners of impounded animals.

SECTION 11. STAFFING AND REMUNERATION – this Ordinance shall adopt the staffing pattern provided for in Section 5 of Ordinance No. SP-1373, S-2004, to wit:

No. of Position	Position Title	Salary Grade	Salary/ Monthly
1	Veterianarian III	19	Php 16,792.00
2	Veterinarian I	13	Php 11,837.00
4	Pound Keeper II	6	Php 7,606.00
4	Animal Keeper I	6	Php 7,606.00
2	Driver II	4	Php 6,522.00
2	Utility Worker	3	Php 6,039.00

The City Personnel Office shall submit to the City Council, fifteen (15) days following the effectivity of this Ordinance, the list of vacant positions, if any. Further, if there are any vacant positions, the City Health Department and City Personnel Office must exert all efforts to fill in the vacancies following existing rules and regulations.

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SECTION 12. PENALTIES-

12.1. Owners who fail or refuse to have their pets registered and immunized against Rabies shall be punished by a fine of One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00).

12.2. Owners who refuse to have their pets vaccinated against Rabies shall be liable to pay for the vaccination of both the animal and the individuals bitten.

12.3. Owners who refuse to have their pet put under observation after said pet has bitten an individual shall be penalized by a fine of Five Thousand (Php 5,000.00).

12.4. Pet owners who refuse to put leash on their pets when they are brought outside the house shall be meted a fine of Five Hundred (Php 500.00) for each incident.

12.5. An impounded animal shall be released to its owner upon payment of a fine of not less than Five Hundred (Php 500.00) per day.

12.6. Any other violation of any provisions of this ordinance shall be fined with an amount not exceeding Five Thousand Pesos (Php 5,000.00) or an imprisonment for a period not exceeding one (1) year or both at the discretion of the court.

SECTION 13. REPEALING CLAUSE – All ordinances, resolutions, local executive orders, rules and regulations or any part thereof inconsistent herewith are deemed repealed, modified or amended accordingly.

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SECTION 14. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE – In case any provision of this Ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid, the other provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 15. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE – This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its approval.

ADOPTED: May 28, 2012.

MA. JOSEFINA G. BELMONTE
Vice Mayor
Presiding Officer

ATTESTED:

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov't. Asst. Dept Head III

APPROVED: 11 JUL 2012

HERBERT M. BAUTISTA
City Mayor

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that this Ordinance was APPROVED by the City Council on Second Reading on May 28, 2012 and was PASSED on Third/Final Reading on June 4, 2012.

Atty. JOHN THOMAS S. ALFEROS III
City Gov't. Asst. Dept Head III

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