

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Zamboanga del Sur
MUNICIPALITY OF BAYOG
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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 10-61-08
REGULATING THE RAISING OF DOGS IN PURSUIT OF THE RABIES
CONTROL PROGRAM OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAYOG AND
PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR ANY VIOLATION THEREOF.

WHEREAS, it is an acknowledged fact that dogs are man's companions; that man loves to care for their pets which they regard as part and parcel of their family; that dogs serve as man's guards in his house as these creatures usually caution their masters of the coming of outsiders in their premises;

WHEREAS, it is likewise an acknowledged fact that dogs sometimes become a threat if not menace to man especially when they step out of their master's premises and go to public places like schools or public roads; dogs that are not tied or fenced inside their master's premises usually stay and sleep at the road center, lanes or shoulders; sometimes they run after those who are passing the road; they even run after those who are on board a motor vehicle or riding a motorcycle or bicycle; sometimes they cross the road when motorcycles are approaching; consequently, vehicular accidents occur, resulting to the hospitalization of the motorcycle driver or passenger or to the death of those riding a motorcycle;

WHEREAS, it has been known that some people died by reason of dog bites, especially those who were not at once diagnosed nor given anti-rabies medicines; this is a tragedy, as many dogs are left untied or unfenced by their masters/raisers; to minimize the occurrence of vehicular accidents resulting from the aggression of dogs at the roads or the walking/running of dogs across the streets or the staying or sleeping of dogs at the streets and to guard against death due to rabies or dog bites, the Sangguniang Bayan finds it necessary to regulate the raising of such livestock as dogs and to pursue its rabies-control program;

NOW THEREFORE, Be it enacted, as it hereby enacted, by the Sangguniang Bayan of Bayog, Zamboanga del Sur on its 66th Regular Session on November 24, 2008 at 9:00 a.m., THAT:

SECTION 1. Regulated Acts. No person, natural or juridical, shall raise dogs without first securing a license or registration therefore from the Municipal Mayor, submitting the same for vaccination against rabies, paying the corresponding fees imposed under existing tax ordinances and seeing to it that the place/area or campus where the dogs shall be raised is so securely fenced that dogs being raised thereat are in all events restrained and cannot escape therefrom.

SECTION 2. Definitions. For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms or words as used herein shall mean as follows:

- 2.1 "Dog" applies to a specific domestic animal (canis familiaris), male or female, and of any age.
- 2.2 "Vaccination against rabies" means the inoculation of dogs with a rabies vaccine for the species licensed by the Bureau of Animal Industry.
- 2.3 "Owner" means any person keeping, harboring or having custody or control of, or permitting any dog to habitually remain in, or be lodged or fed within such person's house, yard or premises.
- 2.4 "Rabies Control Officer" is a duly authorized person or persons responsible for the enforcement of this ordinance.
- 2.5 "Dog Bite" means any part of the body of a person which has been seized with the teeth so that skin of the person has been wounded, pierced or scratched.
- 2.6 "Enclosed Premises" means that owner's house, or fenced yard where other people have no reason to enter except to conduct business; or visit with the members of the household.
- 2.7 "Restrained" means tethered, leashed or caged inside the premises.

SECTION 3. Municipal Rabies Control Board

3.1 Creation and Composition

A Municipal Rabies Control Board is hereby created. This Board is composed of the following:

Chairman	-The Municipal Mayor
Vice Chairman/Action Officer	-The Municipal Health Officer
	-Chairman of the SB Committee on Health
	-Chairman of the SB Committee on Agriculture
	-Chairman of the SB Committee on Police Matters
	-The Municipal Agriculturist
	-The Chief of Police
	-The District Supervisor
	-The President of the Liga Ng Mga Barangay
	-The President of the Bayog Business Association

The Chairman may nominate, subject to the approval of this Board as the need arises, other prominent and rabies responsible citizens of the community to serve as members of this Board.

The Secretariat of this body shall be the Office of the Municipal Agriculturist.

3.2 Function

The Municipal Rabies Control Board shall possess the main authority of implementing the provisions of this Ordinance and other rabies control-related activities as maybe provided by rules, regulations and guidelines promulgated by the higher authorities or mandated by national laws.

SECTION 4. Administrative Provisions.

4.1 Fencing/Caging/Tying of Dogs.

4.1.1 All dogs raised have to be tied, fenced, caged, restrained or placed inside an enclosed chamber or premises by the owners/livestock-raisers concerned.

4.1.2 No livestock or dog-raiser is allowed to let his dogs or pets go anywhere, especially in public places/areas like roads, markets, schools, churches, cockpits or government centers before 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

4.2 Rabies Vaccination.

The owner of any dog three (3) months of age or older shall submit the said dog for vaccination against rabies once a year or as frequently as prescribed by or indicated on the label/literature of the vaccine, but in no case shall exceed beyond 24 months. Young dogs shall be vaccinated within 30 days after they have reached 3 months of age. Actual vaccination shall be done by or under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian.

4.3 Vaccination Cost.

The cost of rabies vaccination shall be borne by the owner of the dog at an amount approved by the Municipal Rabies Control Board or by the Sangguniang Bayan.

4.4 Dogs Registration or Licensing.

The dog owner shall register dogs upon reaching the age of 3 months and every year thereafter. Unvaccinated dogs registered after reaching the age of 3 months and dogs 3 months old and above not previously registered shall be vaccinated upon registration. The dog owner shall pay such registration fee as maybe determined.

4.5 Reporting Incidents of Dog Bites.

The owner of a dog which has bitten any person, and the person who has been bitten shall, within 24 hours of the occurrence, report the incident to the Municipal health Officer or to the Municipal Rabies Control Board. The health care worker or the police officer receiving such information shall immediately transmit the said information to the Municipal Rabies Control Board for investigation or appropriate action.

4.6 Liability of Owners of Biting Dogs.

The owner of a dog that has bitten any person shall be responsible for all the costs of the treatment and dog examination incurred by the bite victim (s) unless the bite was inflicted by a restrained and registered dog, or had occurred within enclosed premises, in which case arrangements shall be made between the owner and the bite victim.

4.7 Destruction of a Rabid Dog.

- 4.7.1 The Municipal Rabies Control Board shall issue the guidance on the proper method of destruction to be used as the different environmental conditions may warrant.
- 4.7.2 The police officer or any duly authorized rabies officer may enter any place for the purpose of seizing or destroying a rabid dog or which is under the preview of this Section.
- 4.7.3 The presence or absence of a dog tag and/or a registration or vaccination certificate shall be the main basis for implementing the provisions of this Section.

4.8 Duties of the Municipal Agriculturist:

- 4.8.1 It shall be the duty of each veterinarian, when vaccinating any dog to complete a certificate of rabies vaccination (in duplicate for each animal vaccinated). The certificate shall include the following information:
 - a) Owner's name, address and telephone number (if any);
 - b) Description of animal (color, sex, markings, age, name, Species and breed if any);
 - c) Dates of vaccination and vaccine expiration;
 - d) Rabies vaccination tag number;
 - e) Manufacturer of the rabies vaccine used;
 - f) Vaccinator's signature (Veterinarian's signature together with license number/address).
- 4.8.2 The dog owner shall be provided with the original copy of the certificate. The veterinarian/vaccinator shall retain one copy for the duration of the vaccination. A durable metal or plastic tag, serially numbered, issued by the veterinarian/vaccinator, shall be securely attached to the collar of the vaccinated dog.
- 4.8.3 During a mass vaccination campaign, the issuance of a rabies vaccination certificate and attachment of a collar tag is optional; provided a listing of all the vaccinated dogs be made and kept in the files of the concerned punong barangay or president of the homeowners association or similar organizations of the community after the mass vaccination has been done.

SECTION 5. Penalty. Any violation of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be penalized as follows:

- a) For the first offense - Php200.00 fine
- b) For the second offense - Php500.00 fine
- c) For the third and each of the succeeding offenses- Php1,000.00 fine or imprisonment of the violator of not more than one month or both fine and imprisonment at the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 6. The Municipal Rabie Control Board is hereby mandated to draft the Implementing Rules and Regulations subject to the approval of the Sangguniang Bayan.

SECTION 7. Effectivity. This Ordinance shall take effect after three (3) Consecutive weeks of publication in a newspaper of General circulation in the Province of Zamboanga del Sur.

ADOPTED this 24TH day of November 2008, on motion of Hon. Saturnino O. Amor, duly seconded.

AYES: Hon. Arnel E. Lucero, Hon. Saturnino O. Amor, Hon. Alejandro A. Sarno, Hon. Aquilino T. Maala, Hon. Norelyn B. Rodriguez, Hon. Jose A. Gadaingan and Hon. Rio R. Apao

NAYS: NONE

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Municipal Vice Mayor-Presiding Officer

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