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**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PERTINENT GUIDELINES TO
PROMOTE RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP AND PROTECT THE
RESIDENTS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAYTAY, RIZAL FROM RABIES
INFECTIONS PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT 9482 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS
THE ANTI-RABIES ACT OF 2007**

Introduced & Sponsored by: Coun. John Tobit E. Cruz

WHEREAS, in keeping the mandates of the Local Government Code of 1991, the Municipality of Taytay shall ensure the efficient and effective delivery of basic services specifically in taking measures to protect its constituents from rabies infection;

WHEREAS, the Municipality shall provide for the impounding of stray animals and regulate the keeping of animals in homes and adopt measures to prevent and penalize cruelty to animals;

WHEREAS, the advent of Anti Rabies Act or RA 9482 postulates necessary changes in the Municipality's own legislation on the matter to conform with the National Law in order to address the ever-changing needs of the Local Government and attend to the alarming cases dog bites and eventually eradicate within the Municipality;

WHEREAS, by virtue of this Ordinance, medical problems caused by rabies due to dog bites will be resolved, prohibit stray, unwanted and unvaccinated dogs from roaming around public places, protect inhabitants from the danger of rabies and responsible pet ownership is established;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, as it is hereby Ordained, that:

Section 1. Title of Ordinance - This Ordinance shall be known as the **"Responsible Pet Ownership Ordinance of Taytay."**

Section 2. Definition of Terms - For purpose of this ordinance, the following terms shall mean as follows:

- a. Rabies - refers to an infectious usually fatal disease of dogs, cats and other warm-blooded animals caused by rhabdovirus and transmitted to humans by the bite of a rabid animal.
- b. Rabies vaccination - refers to the inoculation of animals with rabies vaccine duly licensed by the Bureau of Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture.
- c. Pet Owner - refers to any person keeping, harboring or having charge or control of, or permitting any dog / cat to habitually be or remain on, or be lodged or fed within such person/s house, yard or premises. The parents or guardians of a minor child shall be deemed the owner when the animal is in possession of or controlled by a minor child.

- d. Stray Animal - refers to an animal leaving its owner's enclosed premises which is not leashed, loose, unrestrained and found running or roaming in the streets or in any public or private places.
- e. Public Places - include national, provincial, municipal or barangay streets, parks, markets and such other spaces open to or for the use of the public.
- f. Enclosed Premises - refers to the owner's house or owner's fenced surroundings where other people have no reasons to enter except to conduct business or visit with the member of the household, where dogs and cats should be confined or leashed.
- g. Restrained - means tethered / leashed or caged.
- h. "Albularyo" - a native method used by the faith healers or quack doctors to treat dog / cat bites by the use of animal horn or stone applied to the bite wound.
- i. Euthanasia or mercy killing - refers to the legal act of putting animals to humane method of painless death.
- j. Animal Control Office (A.C.O.) - refers to the individual designated by the Municipal Veterinarian and authorized under this ordinance to carry out the apprehension and impounding of stray animal.
- k. Impound - refers to the act of seizing and holding in custody as authorized by law.
- l. Adoption - refers to the act of taking up and making one's own, homeless dog / cats.
- m. Information, Education and Communication (IEC) - refers to the approaches to disseminate information on rabies awareness and advocacy to responsible pet ownership (RPO).
- n. Responsible Pet Owner - refers to the person who takes possession of such number of pets he or she can afford to feed and gives proper care to by giving clean, nutritious and sufficient food and water, bathing, cleaning its sleeping area, leashing or putting the pet in a cage and preventing it to stray and having it registered and vaccinated against dangerous communicable diseases.
- o. Hoarder - refers to a person who collects animals but fail to provide with humane / adequate care. Sometimes they abandon their pet leaving them unattended for a long period of time without food, water, adequate ventilation or shelter on public or private property which includes but is not limited to the property of the owner.
- p. Citation - refers to the charging document issued by the Animal Control Officer to the violators of this ordinance.

Section 3. Creation of the Municipal Rabies Prevention and Control Committee (MRPCC) its duties and function - There shall be created a Municipal Rabies Prevention and Control Committee which shall undertake the planning, implementation and monitoring of all rabies prevention, responsible pet ownership and animals control programs, projects and activities geared towards to the eradication and neutralization of all threats of rabies against the population. Members of the MRPCC shall have the following specific duties and functions, viz:

a. Municipal Mayor - Chairman of MRPCC

- i. Recommends the appropriation of funds for the implementation of programs, projects and activities;

- ii. Decides on the finality on all matters pertaining to the program; and
- iii. Ensures that the IRR of RA 9482 is properly implemented and adopted by the local government unit (LGU).

b. Municipal Veterinarian - Vice Chairman of MRPCC

- i. Implements, supervises, and monitors the activities and projects in compliance with Republic Act 9482 and its implementing rules and regulations (IRR);
- ii. Be responsible in handling and evaluating dogs / cats and other possible rabies-infected animals that bite humans;
- iii. Recommends complementary measures that will reduce rabies cases in the Municipality;
- iv. Submits report to and coordinate regularly with the Provincial Rabies Prevention and Control Committee (PRPCC), Provincial Veterinary Office, DA Regional Field Unit as well as to the Bureau of Animals Industry (BAI);
- v. Advises the Municipal Mayor on all matters pertaining to the improvement of local rabies eradication program; and
- vi. Ensures that the implementing rules and regulations (IRR) of RA 9482 and RA 8485 also known as the Animal Welfare Act of 1998 are properly implemented.

c. Municipal Health Officer - Member

- i. Acts as frontline in undertaking activities that may reduce human rabies cases in the municipality;
- ii. Be responsible in handling dog or cat bite victims;
- iii. Regularly submits monitoring reports and human rabies cases to the Department of Health (DOH) or to the Center of Health Development;
- iv. Coordinates and reports to the Municipal Veterinarian the recent dog and cat biting incidents; and
- v. Complies with and implements the IRR of RA 9482 particularly Section 6B (1) to (7) thereof.

d. District Supervisors of Elementary Schools - Member

- i. Participate in reducing rabies cases by allowing their pupils and teachers to attended seminars on rabies awareness and responsible pet ownership initiated by the Municipal Veterinary Office;
- ii. Require schools to have special activities to increases awareness on rabies and responsible pet ownership (RPO) especially during Rabies Awareness Month in March and World Rabies Day on September 28 of each year; and
- iii. Comply with and implemented RA 9482 especially the provision of Section 6C (1) to (4) thereof.

e. The President of Association of Barangay Chairmen (ABC) - Member

- i. Implements the local rabies and stray animal control program in all barangays in the locality;
- ii. Strictly enforces and monitors dog leashing and confinement in all barangays;
- iii. Facilitates the conduct of mandatory routine animal census to update dog population in all barangays;
- iv. Enacts measures on compulsory dog registration and impounding of stray animals;
- v. Encourages the populace to refrain from resorting to “Albularyo” as remedy to dog and cat bite incidents; and
- vi. Prohibits the trade, slaughter and commercial consumption of dog meat.

f. The Local PNP Chief of Police - Member

- i. Assists in the implementation of local measures that will eradicate stray dogs in the municipality;
- ii. Disseminates information and promotes measures on dog registration and vaccination;
- iii. Coordinates the enforcement and provides pertinent assistance and security to the Animal Control Unit of the Municipal Veterinary Office during stray animal impounding operation and issuance of citation ticket; and
- iv. Participates and assists the Local Government Unit (LGU) in the proper implementation of the program.

g. The Legal Officer - Member

- i. Attends to and resolves all disputes, complaints or grievances that may arise in relation to the implementation of the program;
- ii. Recommends penalties as provided in this Ordinance to violators in accordance with the existing laws;
- iii. Initiates and exhausts all means for amicable settlement between the opposing parties and individuals;
- iv. Sets case for hearing and notify the concerned individuals of the schedule; and
- v. Recommends strategies for the improvement of the program.

Section 4. Creation of Barangay Rabies Prevention and Control Committee, its duties and function - There shall also be created in every barangay a Barangay Rabies Prevention and Control Committee (BRPCC) which shall implement the program and activities in the barangay. The MRPCC shall oversee the proper implementation and monitoring of activities of the BRPCC which shall be composed of the following, viz:

a. Barangay Captain - Chairman of BRPCC

- i. Implements and supervises census of animals every last quarter of the year to be submitted to the Municipal Veterinary Office;
- ii. Implements, supervises and monitors rabies programs and activities such as dog registration, immunization, and education campaign in the barangay;
- iii. Calls and conducts regular BRPCC meeting;
- iv. Formulates measures and control of stray dogs or dog impounding;
- v. Strictly enforces dog leashing and confinement of stray dogs;
- vi. Accommodates and assists the MRPCC, veterinary and health personnel during conduct of rabies vaccination and other related activities;
- vii. Submits their accomplishment report to the MRPCC; and
- viii. Sees to it if those penalties of violators under existing laws are properly enforced.

b. The Barangay Secretary - Member

- i. Formulates measures for the efficient census of animal population;
- ii. Keeps all records of census, registration and vaccination of pets;
- iii. Accompanies the Municipal Veterinary and Health personnel in the conduct of rabies campaign;
- iv. Takes and prepares minutes of the BRPCC meeting; and
- v. Prepares and ensures sending of meeting notices, violations, etc. to concerned individual or party.

c. The Barangay Rabies Coordinator - (Chairman of the Committee on Health of the Sangguniang Barangay)

- i. Responsible in gathering rabies updates, including dog and cat biting incidents in the barangay and submits report to the MRPCC;

- ii. Coordinates with barangay residents and the MRPCC to facilities and the Veterinary Office; and
- iii. Assists in the development and monitoring of program implementation

d. The Chief Barangay Tanod – Member

- i. Aids the Animal Control Unit of the Municipal Veterinary Office during impounding operation in the barangay; and
- ii. Assists the Animal Control Officer in the issuance of citation ticket to the violators of the ordinance.

Section 5. Duties and Responsibilities of Pet Owner - In accordance with Section 5 of Joint DA, DOH, DEPED, DILG Administrative Order NO. 01 series of 2008 (Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act 9482 (An Act Providing for the Control and Elimination of Human and Animal Rabies, Prescribing Penalties for Violation Thereof and Appropriating Funds Thereof), pet owners are required to:

- a. Submit their pets for annual mandatory registration and anti-rabies vaccination and shall pay the amount of Fifty Pesos (Php 50.00). They shall maintain a vaccination and registration certificate which shall contain all information on vaccination / registration conducted on their pet/s for accurate record purposes.
- b. Keep their pets inside their properties, enclosed premises or on a leash. Stray dogs or cats shall be deemed as a public nuisance and shall be subject to seizure, detention and destruction.
- c. Maintain control over their dog and prevent it from roaming on the streets or any public without a leash, and if necessary, with muzzle for dangerous dog under the control of responsible person. The length of the leash shall not be more than one and half (1.5) meters.
- d. Ensure that a warning sign is displayed at each entrance to the property, house or building in which a dangerous dog is kept. This warning sign must be visible and legible from the nearest road or thoroughfare.
- e. Prevent his dogs/cats from chasing, biting or attacking any person or domestic animal and damage public and private property in the absence of prior provocation.
- f. In cases where a dog or cat defecates on any public and private property other than the property of its owner, the latter shall cause such feces to be immediately cleaned.
- g. Keep a dog / cat in sanitary condition. Conditions shall be considered unsanitary where the keeping of the animal results in an accumulation of fecal matter, an odor, insect infestation or rodent attractants which endanger the health of the animal or any person.
- h. Provide their pets with proper grooming, adequate food, clean shelter and good health management program.
- i. Properly disposed of their deceased pets.

Section 6. Designation of the Municipal Central Registry Office for Pets, its duties and function

- a. The Municipal Veterinary Office is designated as the central registry of all rabies related undertakings in the municipality. As such, all local barangay's including private veterinary clinics and private veterinary practitioners conducting dog vaccinations are directed to submit updated reports in the office.
- b. The Municipal Veterinary Office shall keep a record of all pets vaccinated and registered per barangay, showing the date and registration! vaccination number, the name and description of the pet and the name and the address of the owner.

Section 7. Dog Registration and Immunization

- a. All dog owners shall register and submit their dog for rabies vaccination to the Municipal Veterinary Office within thirty (30) days after they have reached three (3) months of age from the birth of the puppy or after arrival or acquisition of such animal from another

- barangay or person. Following the expiration of the previous rabies vaccination, revaccination and renewal of the registration shall be undertaken every year thereafter.
- b. Actual vaccination must be performed by a Licensed Veterinarian, trained Livestock Technician or Animal Control Officer Designate under the direct supervision of the Municipal Veterinarian.
 - c. Registration and mass vaccination of pets shall be done only in the Municipal Veterinary Office of Taytay or in particular barangay and private subdivision during scheduled mass registration and rabies vaccination activities where the owner of the animals resides. Likewise, the Animal Health Center of the Municipal Veterinary Office shall be opened to conduct daily vaccination from Monday to Friday to accommodate unvaccinated ones.
 - d. A mandatory registration vaccination fee worth Fifty Pesos (P 50.00) shall be collected by the authorized staff of the Municipal Veterinary Office and an official receipt shall be issued to the owner of pet. The collected amount shall be remitted to the Municipal Treasurer's Office.
 - e. The Municipal Veterinary Office shall issue a Registration and Vaccination Certificate to the owner of vaccinated / registered pet. The certificate shall include the vaccination / registration number, official receipt number, owner's name, address, description of pets (pet's name, breed, color/markings, species, sex, age), date registered/vaccinated, expiration date of registration / vaccination, vaccine name and serial number; veterinarian's description (printed name, signature, PRC license number). The Municipal Veterinary Office shall specify the breed of dog as "ASPIN" also known as Asong Pinoy for the native dog, "MONGREL" for mixed breed, or its particular name of breed for purebred.
 - f. It shall be unlawful for any person to use a registration / vaccination certificate issued for another pet other than the one described on the certificate.
 - g. Only healthy dogs / cats shall be vaccinated. In effecting the vaccination, BAI registered and licensed vaccine shall be administered by the vaccinator. Even during mass vaccination, he / she shall use one disposable syringe per animal vaccinated against rabies.
 - h. No other entity or group is allowed to conduct anti-rabies mass vaccination of pets in Taytay without the consent and authority of the Municipal Rabies Prevention and Control Committee (MRPCC).
 - i. In the transport of pets, the Municipal Veterinary Office shall verify or require registration and vaccination records as proof of ownership. Certificate of vaccination shall be required before the issuance of veterinary health certificate and shipping permit.

Section 8. Information and Education Campaign (I.E.C.)

- a. Lectures and videos showing rabies awareness and "Responsible Pet Ownership" (RPO) shall be regularly conducted by the Municipal Veterinary Office to all students and teachers of elementary, high school and Alternative Learning System (ALS) in coordination with the District Supervisors and Principals.
- b. Public lectures on "Responsible Pet Ownership" and rabies awareness shall also be conducted in the barangays, homeowner's associations, NGO's, other groups and individuals and during public forum and extension services.
- c. Flyers on rabies awareness and responsible pet ownership shall be made readily available to the general public particularly to the pet owners, elementary and high school students.
- d. The National Rabies Awareness Month shall be observed every month of March as well as the World Rabies Day every September 28. A municipal-wide pet fun activities shall be conducted either during the celebration of Mayohan Festival every month of May or World Animal Day every October 4.
- e. Posters, tarpaulins, streamers and signboard shall be posted in conspicuous places.
- f. The Local Government Unit (LGU) shall require the owners of pet shops, dog food and veterinary supply stores to post information regarding rabies and responsible pet ownership.

Section 9. Animal Impounding Center, Impounding of Stray Dogs and Adoption of Impounded Animals

- a. The Municipal Animal Pound shall be located at any available land of the municipal government compliant to the Department of Agriculture Administrative Circular 03 series of 2015. It shall serve as temporary shelter for impounded, abandoned, rescued and quarantined animals.
- b. The operation and maintenance of Animal Impounding Center shall be administered and supervised by the Municipal Veterinary Office.
- c. The Municipal Veterinarian shall create an Animal Control Unit and shall designate an Animal Control Officers (ACO) who shall be authorized and directed to perform apprehension and impounding of every dog or cat found at large (whether the animal is vaccinated / registered or not) or roaming without a leash outside the enclosed premises of the owner and other pound keeping activities. The ACO shall also be authorized to issue citation tickets to the violators of this ordinance either as a warning or with corresponding fine.
- d. Upon receipt of an animal into the pound, the Municipal Veterinary Office shall post the list of impounded animals at the bulletin board of the Municipal Veterinary Office for three (3) consecutive days stating the breed, sex, age and color of the impounded animal, the data and time seized, and the site or location where respective impounded animals were caught.
- e. Presidents of homeowner associations of private subdivisions with concrete fence wall and main gate manned by security guard are required to submit their request letters to the Municipal Veterinarian before the Animal Control Unit can enter and conduct stray animals impounding operation in the subdivision.
- f. It shall be unlawful to interfere with any Animal Control Officer to illegally take or attempt to take any apprehended animal from the vehicle used to transport such animal or by taking or attempting to take any animal from the Animal impounding Center without paying the necessary impounding fee or by any method which would block or hinder any Animal Control Officer from performing his duties.
- g. Government officials and employees especially the staff of the Municipal Veterinary Office, members of Philippine National Police and Armed Forces of the Philippines, barangay officials including barangay tanod, politicians and media practitioners shall not use their positions to ask a favor from the Animal Control Unit of the Municipal Veterinary Office to release their impounded pet from the Animal impounding Center without paying the required impounding fee. They shall also discourage their friends and relatives to use their name and position to stand as “padrino” when claiming their impounded pet.
- h. Impounded dogs or cats shall be provided with clean food, water, and sheltered in sanitary conditions.
- i. The rightful owner (or their duly authorized representative) of an impounded pet shall claim their animal upon presentation of proof of ownership within three (3) days of its capture and impoundment from the Animal impounding Center. Owners not redeeming their pet within three (3) days shall be deemed to have forfeited all rights of ownership and the impounded pet shall become the property of the LGU. The pet shall remain impounded for an additional twenty-four (24) hours, during which time any person may obtain ownership through adoption if they are willing to pay the cost of necessary rabies vaccination and registration fee. If no one adopts the animal, it may be destroyed in a humane manner. No dogs from the Animal impounding Center shall be sold / disposed of or be slaughtered for food.
- j. If the owners decide to redeem their pet from the Animal impounding Center, they shall be penalized with a fine of Five Hundred Pesos (P 500.00) for registered / vaccinated pet or One Thousand Pesos (P 1,000.00) impounding fee for non-registered / non-vaccinated pet in accordance with existing laws. The Animal Control Officer shall issue a Certificate of Redemption and Official Receipt after paying the necessary charges.
- k. All impounded animals redeemed by its owner from the Animal Impounding Center shall receive a free medication against ectoparasites / endoparasites.

- l. If the impounded animal to be claimed by the owner is not yet vaccinated / registered, a mandatory registration / vaccination fee worth Fifty Pesos (P 50.00) shall be collected from the owner before releasing their impounded animal from the Animal impounding Center.
- m. In case of adoption from the Animal Impounding Center, the adopted animal shall be made available by the new owner for inspection on the following schedule, viz: after two (2) weeks, after one (1) month and after three (3) months, respectively, to be conducted by the A.C.O. to ensure that they did not slaughter the dog / cat. The proposed owner must be an animal lover, resident of Taytay with updated Community Tax Certificate.
- n. The owners of impounded animal are not qualified to adopt their pet from the Animal impounding Center. Likewise, the personnel of the Municipal Veterinary Office are not allowed to adopt any pet from the Animal Impounding Center, and any impounded animal that has been identified as dangerous may not be offered for adoption.
- o. In the event that an impounded animal is suspected with rabies, it shall be isolated and observed accordingly. Upon its death, it must be submitted for laboratory examination.
- p. Where there is reasonable belief that a violation of this ordinance is being committed or has been committed, the Animal Control Officer and/or Police Officer shall have the right to enter upon any premises for the purpose of carrying out the duties imposed upon them by this ordinance.

Section 10. Abandonment and Surrender of Pet, Rescue Operation of Abandoned Animals

- a. The A.C.O. may accept pets abandoned and surrendered by their owner to the Animal Impounding Center. The owner of a pet to be surrendered / abandoned shall certify that he / she is fully and completely surrendering / abandoning his / her pet to the Animal Control Unit of the Municipal Veterinary Office for its care or humane disposition. In addition, the owner shall also declare if the said pet has bitten any person or animal during the last fourteen (14) days. A fee of Five Hundred Pesos (P 500.00) shall be charged to the owner to partially cover for the food and maintenance of the pet while in the custody of the Municipal Animal impounding Center.
- b. After accepting the abandoned / surrendered pet to the Animal Impounding Center, a Certificate of Abandonment shall be issued by the Municipal Veterinarian to the owner, and the owner shall be required to sign a waiver that he / she shall be banned from acquiring any pets for domestic care for the next three (3) years.
- c. The A.C.O. shall rescue abandoned animals during natural disasters and calamity. Issues and concerns on animal in disasters includes the following: (1) Animals left behind become stray resulting in traffic accidents; (2) Pet owners attempting to rescue their pets may create traffic jams; (3) Victims may be distressed to discover that they could not stay at evacuation centers if they had pets with them; (4) Animals may never be reunited with their owners because their owners could not be found; (5) some animal owners in evacuation centers may show psychosomatic symptoms as a result of their unawareness on the whereabouts of their pets.
- d. The A.C.O. shall also rescue animals abandoned by hoarders. Animals found in cruel, abusive or neglected situations or animals that have been abandoned may be promptly impounded if no immediate contact with a responsible person can be made, *provided, however*, that the Animal Control Officer shall leave written notice stating the location of the animal and the reason for impoundment.

Section 11. Provision on Quack Doctor (Albularyo)

- a. The Municipal Health Officer and Municipal Veterinarian shall discourage the bitten person to go to a faith healer, quack doctor, or albularyo.
- b. The LGU shall conduct information Education Campaign against the solicitation of the services of quack doctors ("albularyo") to stop the illegal practice of administering false cures and giving of unfounded pieces of advice on bite victims.
- c. Should the bite victim die by reason of the treatment given by said quack doctors, the latter shall be held liable to the fullest extent in accordance with the existing laws.

Section 12. Slaughtering of Dogs and Trading / Selling of Dog Meat

- a. As this may spread rabies and other diseases especially if said dogs / cats are strays or of unknown origin, trading, slaughtering and selling of the meat of dogs and cats shall be strictly prohibited.
- b. No meat, carcass or parts thereof, or any byproducts of animals not considered food animals such as those derived from dogs and cats, either raw or cooked shall be sold or offered for sale as food in any market, restaurant, groceries or any retail stores, clandestinely or openly.
- c. Buying or purchasing dogs / cats for purposes of selling the same to the persons / group identified as engaging in the illegal dog / cat trade or slaughter of the said animals for food shall be likewise penalized.
- d. A person or group of persons shall be considered as engaged in the illegal dog / cat trade when they fail to show necessary permits or authority to engage in the business of the animal transport or facility, and the object of buying is to sell / slaughter the said animals for food.
- e. Euthanasia or mercy killing of dogs may be allowed when subject animals are afflicted with incurable disease or badly injured as determined and certified by a duly licensed veterinarian. It shall also be resorted to when it aims to end the suffering of the dog if they should be immediately destroyed for humane reasons.

Section 13. Pre-exposure and Post-exposure Management

- a. Staff of the Municipal Veterinary Office especially the Animal Control Officers including the emergency hired laborers directly exposed to handling and impounding of dogs and cats shall undergo free pre-exposure and post exposure anti-rabies vaccination to protect them against rabies.
- b. In case the animal that has bitten or scratched an individual is not available for observation or testing, the victim shall be regarded as having been exposed to a rabid animal and the latter shall be immediately subject to preventive post-exposure vaccination measures.
- c. A vaccinated or non-vaccinated pet that bites an individual shall be observed for a period of fourteen (14) days while the human victim shall undergo preventive vaccination. The preventive post-exposure vaccinations may be stopped if the suspected dog / cat is alive and shall remain healthy after the observation period based on the "Revised Guidelines on Management of Animal Bite Patients" pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2007-0029 of the Department of Health.
- d. A dog / cat that has bitten a human shall not be vaccinated, killed or euthanized within the fourteen (14) days observation period. Unvaccinated animal bitten by a confirmed rabid animal shall be immediately euthanized and properly disposed.

Section 14. Reporting of Biting Incidents, Rabies Cases and Surveillance System

- a. Within twenty-four (24) hours after the incident, it shall be the duty of the pet owner and the victim to report animal biting incidents to the Municipal Veterinarian and Municipal Health Officer or to any licensed veterinarian or physician for proper guidance and investigation. The attending physician shall treat and advise the victim. The veterinarian shall handle the biting animal and place such dog / cat under observation for fourteen (14) days. He shall further report if the biting dog / cat becomes ill and show clinical signs of rabies or dies within the fourteen (14) days observation period.
- b. The Municipal Veterinary and Health Offices shall conduct thorough investigation of dog / cat biting incidents, animal and human rabies cases. They shall submit reports to concerned agencies.
- c. Barangay residents are also encouraged to report all suspected or confirmed rabies cases on both human and animals to the Municipal Veterinary and Health Offices.

Section 15. Responsibilities of the Pet Owner that Bite Humans

- a. The dog owner which has bitten any person shall be liable to assist immediately and bring the victim to a doctor. In all dog biting cases, the owner shall be liable to pay all the expenses incurred and other incidental expenses during the period of medication and examination of the bite victim in cases of negligence or unprovoked bite cases. If the injuries require medical attendance for a certain number of days, the owner of the animal is required to pay for the period the victim is not working. However, an exemption is made when the bite is inflicted by a restrained and registered / vaccinated pet and the incident occurs inside the owner's enclosed premises.
- b. If the owner of the animal willfully refuses to assist the dog bite victim and refuses to pay the expenses, the victim himself / herself shall institute appropriate charges in court to enforce the claim, and the owner of pet shall be penalized in accordance with the penal provision herein imposed.
- c. Should the dog that bites die during the fourteen (14) days observation period, the pet owner shall immediately submit the dog for rabies laboratory examination.

Section 16. Dog Control Measure

- a. The LGU shall strictly implement mandatory confinement or leashing of dogs. Every pet animal shall be restrained and controlled so as to prevent it from causing property damage, harassing pedestrians or motorists, molesting passersby, chasing vehicles, or attacking persons or other animals. Stray dogs are prohibited and violators shall be penalized.
- b. No person shall tie, stake or fasten any dog within any street, alley, sidewalk, right-of-way, or other public place in the municipality or in such manner that the animal shall have access to any portion of any street, alley, sidewalk or other public place.
- c. The LGU shall promote the advocacy that each household shall maintain a maximum of three heads of dogs only, except for registered dog breeders in order to provide better care by the owner to their pets and as a way to control dog population in the community.

Section 17. Penalties

- a. Pet owners who shall fail or refuse to have their dogs registered and immunized against rabies shall pay a fine of One Thousand pesos (P1 ,000.00). In addition, their dogs shall be seized / impounded by the Animal Control Officers.
- b. Pet owners who shall refuse to have their dogs vaccinated against rabies shall be liable to pay for the vaccination of the dog and the dog bite victim, including such other expenses that maybe incurred in connection with the biting incident.
- c. Pet owners who shall refuse to have their pet to be put under observation after a biting incident and/or shall not shoulder the medical expenses of any person bitten by his / her pet shall pay a fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P 2,500.00).
- d. A dog owner who shall refuse to put a leash on his / her dog when it is brought outside the house shall pay a fine of Five Hundred Pesos (P 500.00) for each incident.
- e. An impounded dog / cat shall be released only to its owner upon payment of a fine of Five Hundred Pesos (P 500.00) for registered / vaccinated pet. In case of non-registered / non-vaccinated pet, the fine shall be One Thousand Pesos (P 1,000.00).
- f. Any person found guilty of slaughtering, selling or trading of dog meat shall pay a fine of Two Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P 2,500.00) per dog or shall suffer an imprisonment of not more than six (6) months at the discretion of the court.

- g. Any person or persons performing illegal practice and administering treatment to dog bite victims such as the quack doctor known as “albularyo” and the like shall be punished in accordance with the existing laws.
- h. Pet owners who refuse to immediately collect the feces of their pet on public places or other private property shall pay a fine of Five Hundred Pesos (P 500.00).
- i. Any person who shall unlawfully interfere with any Animal Control Officer and shall illegally take or attempt to take any apprehended animal from the vehicle used to transport such animal or by taking or attempting to take any animal from the Animal Impounding Center without paying the necessary impounding fee or by any method shall block or hinder any Animal Control Officer from performing his duties shall pay a fine of Two Thousand Pesos (P 2,000.00).
- j. Any person who shall fail to keep their pet/s inside their properties / enclosed premises, neither confine their animals in the cage nor on leash shall pay a fine of Two Hundred Pesos (P200.00) for the first offense. For the second offense, the violator shall pay a fine of Five Hundred Pesos (P 500.00).
- k. Any person who shall unlawfully use the registration / vaccination certificate issued for another pet other than the one described on the certificate shall pay a fine of Two Hundred Pesos (P 200.00) or shall render one (1) day community service.
- l. For purposes of properly resolving earlier issued animal control citation ticket, the animal / pet owner or any violator of this ordinance shall within seventy-two (72) hours from receipt of mentioned citation ticket from the apprehending Animal Control Officer (ACO) is required to report to the Municipal Veterinarian Office. Failure to resolve such citation within the period provided above shall prompt the Municipal Mayor in his capacity as Chairman of the Municipal Rabies Prevention and Control Committee (MRPCC) to forward the same within the period of twenty-four (24) hours to the Municipal Legal Officer for filing of the appropriate charge/s in court.
- m. Any person who will surrender any of their pets to the Municipal Animal Pound Center for any reason shall pay an amount of Five Hundred Pesos (P 500.00).
- n. Any person who will improperly dispose deceased pets shall be fined in the amount of Five Hundred Pesos (P 500.00).

Section 18. Separability Clause - If for any reason, any section or provision of this Ordinance shall be held to be unconstitutional or invalid by competent authority, such judgment or action shall not affect or impair the other sections or provisions hereof.

Section 19. Applicability Clause - Pertinent provisions of existing laws and other ordinances shall likewise apply to other matters related to this Ordinance.

Section 20. Repealing Clause - All ordinances, rules and regulations, or part thereof, in conflict with, or inconsistent with any provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.

Section 21. Effectivity Clause - This ordinance shall take effect following compliance with the required posting provided for under Section 59 (b) of Republic Act 7160.

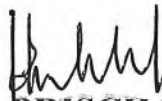
ENACTED, this 21st day of September, 2022, 2:32 PM at Tagaytay Highlands, Tagaytay City, Cavite.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, to the correctness of the foregoing Ordinance which was duly enacted by the Sangguniang Bayan of Taytay on second reading on September 14, 2022 and was passed on third and final reading on September 21, 2022, during the 12th Regular Session held on the 21st day of September, 2022.



ATTY. STANLEE D. CALMA
Secretary to the Sanggunian

ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED TO BE DULY
ADOPTED BY HER HONOR



HON. SOPHIA PRISCILLA L. CABRAL
Municipal Vice Mayor/Presiding Officer

APPROVED BY HIS HONOR
DATE 13 OCT 2022



HON. ALLAN MARTINE S. DE LEON
Municipal Mayor