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AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CONTROL AND ELIMINATION OF HUMAN AND ANIMAL RABIES IN THE CITY OF VALENZUELA AND AMENDING PARAGRAPH (a) (b) SECTION 35, FEES FOR IMPOUNDING AND/OR SALE OF ASTRAY ANIMALS AND PARAGRAPH (a) SECTION 38, DOG LICENSE FEES OF TAX ORDINANCE NO. 92-012 AND PENALIZING THE VIOLATION OF THE SAME AND PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE.

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WHEREAS, Section 15, Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution expressly provide that the State shall protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them.

WHEREAS, in order to uphold the interest and safeguard the well-being and healthiness of the people, a system for the control, prevention of the spread, and eventual eradication of human/animal rabies must be delivered and the need for responsible pet ownership be established.

WHEREAS, paragraphs (6), (12) section 7 of the Anti Rabies Act of 2007 provide that it shall be the responsibility of the Local Government Unit in their respective localities to enact additional local ordinances that will support the National Rabies Prevention and Control Program that should include the regulation of treatment locally known as "**tandok**", and for purposes of ensuring the administrative feasibility of implementing the provisions of the Anti Rabies Act.

WHEREAS, there is an impelling need to amend Ordinance No.92-012(Tax

Ordinance) paragraphs (a)(b) Sec 35 thereof as well as paragraph (a) of Section 38 which pertains to dog license fees in the light of social and environmental changes by reference to the statistics as provided by the City Health office and also for reasons of urgency and practicality.

WHEREAS, the main thrust of this Ordinance is to regulate pet ownership, particularly the dogs, as they are the major vectors of rabies, where the exposure to dogs represent an increased risk of rabies transmission.

NOW THEREFORE, be it **ORDAINED** as it is hereby **ORDAINED** by the City Council of Valenzuela in session duly assembled, the following:

SECTION 1. TITLE - This shall be known as the **"Anti Rabies Ordinance in the City of Valenzuela"**

SECTION 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS: For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean:

- (a) **Bitten** - refers to an act by which a dog seizes, cuts or grips with its teeth so that the skin of a person has been wounded, pierced or scratched.
- (b) **Concerned Officials** - refers to barangay officials, health workers, police officers or government veterinarians.
- (c) **Direct Supervision** - refers to range supervision where physical presence of the veterinarian within the barangay is necessary.
- (d) **Dog** - refers to a common quadruped domestic animal belonging to the order carnivora (male or female), scientifically known as *canisfamiliaris*.
- (e) **Euthanasia** - refers to the process of painless death to dogs and other animals.
- (f) **Impound** - refers to seize and hold in the custody of the law.
- (g) **Owner** - refers to any person keeping, harboring or having charge, care or control of a dog including his/her representative.
- (h) **Pound** - refers to a public enclosure for stray animals.
- (i) **Public Place** - refers to any place open to the public like parks, malls, markets, streets, and the like.
- (i) **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.
- (k) **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.

- (l) ***Rabies Vaccination/Immunoprophylaxis of Humans*** - refers to the inoculation of humans, with modern day rabies vaccines or Rabies immunoglobulin, by a trained doctor or nurse under the supervision of a qualified medical practitioner.
- (m) ***Rabies Vaccination of Dogs*** - refers to the inoculation of a dog 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 said trained individual shall be limited only to Rabies Vaccine Injection in dogs and only during government mass vaccination campaigns.
- (n) ***Post-exposure Treatment (P.E.T)*** - 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.
- (o) ***Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (P.E.P.)*** - refers to rabies vaccination administered before an exposure to Rabies to those who are at high risk of getting rabies.
- (p) ***Stray Dog*** - refers to any dog leaving its owner's place or premise and no longer under the effective control of the owner.
- (q) ***Veterinary or Human Barbiturates*** - refer to drugs that depress the function of the central nervous system.
- (r) ***Dog Tag Number*** - piece of metal or plastic and similar material place around the neck of animals for identification,(a tag bearing the registration number of the dog/s upon initial registration)
- (s) ***Tandok*** - refers to a person or practice of applying traditional remedies in relation to dog bites.
- (t) ***Mandatory Registration*** - refers to the requirement for all dog owners to submit their dogs for registration in the LGU.
- (u) ***Mass vaccination*** - refers also to the administration of antigenic material (a vaccine) to stimulate an individuals' immune system to develop adaptive immunity to a pathogen in large population.
- (v) ***Central database*** - refers to the compilation of information regarding all registered and vaccinated dogs handled by a single entity.
- (w) ***Pet Owner*** - refers to any person keeping, harboring or having charge, care or control of a dog including his/her representative.

- (x) **Responsible pet ownership** - refers to proper care of pet including veterinary care, vaccinations, de-worming, feeding, shelter and provision of activities to promote health and development.
- (y) **Care Fee** - refers to the charge/s imposed while the animal/s is/are at the custody of the agency tasked with impounding of the same. It shall be construed to be for the regular daily rate for food, shelter and maintenance of impounded dogs/animals.
- (z) **Breed** - a specific group of domestic animals having homogeneous appearance, homogeneous behavior and other characteristics that distinguish it from other animals of the same species
- (z) **Large animal** - refers to carabao, cattle, horses, sheep, goats and
(1) pigs etc...
- (z) **Small animal** - refers to dogs, cats, rodents, monkey and other
(2) small animals
- (z) **Stray animals** - refers to any animal leaving its owner's place or
(3) premise and no longer under the effective control of the owner.
- (z) **Defecation** - Is the final act of digestion by which organism
(4) eliminate solid or liquid waste material from digestive tract anus.
- (z) **Registration** - the act or process of entering information about
(5) something in a book or system of public records.
- (z) **Urination** - expelling waste materials from urinary bladder through
(6) the urethra to the outside of the body.

SECTION 3. SCOPE - For purposes of this Ordinance, the following activities and programs shall be undertaken by the City Government of Valenzuela thru the City Veterinary Services Office, Task Force Disiplina, the City Health Office, to control and eliminate rabies:

The City Veterinary Services Office shall be responsible for the following:

- (1) Mass vaccination of dogs;
- (2) Establishment of a central database system for registered and vaccinated dogs;
- (3) Impounding, field control and disposition of unregistered stray and unvaccinated dogs;
- (4) Encouragement of the practice of responsible pet ownership.
- (5) Conduct of information and education campaign on the prevention and control of rabies as well as animals' waste and excrements

disposal and management;

1. The City Health Office shall be responsible for the following:

- (1) Conduct of information and education campaign on the prevention and control of rabies, including the regulation of "tandok";
- (2) Provision on pre-exposure treatment to high risk personnel and Post Exposure Treatment to animal bite victims;
- (3) The encouragement of the practice of responsible pet ownership;

2. Task Force Disiplina shall be responsible for the following:

- (1) Render assistance by way of deployment of trained personnel during mandatory registration and mass vaccination;
- (2) Be available upon request during impounding and capture or seizure of suspected rabid dog and the owner thereof refuses to cooperate with the same;
- (3) Actively participate in information disseminations and City-wide campaign relating to mandatory registration and mass vaccination.
- (4) In case of violation, to issue citation tickets or Ordinance Violation Receipt/Ticket.

SECTION 4. RESPONSIBILITIES OF A VETERINARIAN - It shall be the responsibility of veterinarians, when vaccinating any dog or cat, to issue a certificate of rabies vaccination for each dog or cat that is vaccinated. The Certificate shall include the following information.

1. Owner's name, address and telephone number;
2. Description of the dog or cat (species, breed, sex, markings, age and name)
3. Date of vaccination;
4. Date of vaccination expiration;
5. Rabies vaccination tag number;
6. Vaccine producer and product name;
6. Manufacturer's serial or lot number of vaccine;
7. Veterinarians name, signature and license number

The original certificates shall be issued to the owner, and a duplicate copy thereof shall be retained by the veterinarian which shall be made available to the City Veterinary Services Office as maybe needed.

SECTION 5. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PET OWNER. -All pet owners shall be required to:

- (a) Have their pets such as dogs and cats regularly vaccinated against rabies and maintain a registration card which shall contain all vaccinations conducted on their dog/cat, for accurate record purposes.