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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 5th REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN OF MONCADA, TARLAC FOR CY 2022 HELD ON THE 7th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2022 AT THE SB SESSION HALL, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING.

PRESENT:

HON. JAIME O. DUQUE

.. VICE MAYOR/PRESIDING OFFICER

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.. MEMBER

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.. LNB PRESIDENT

HON. EZEKIEL C. RIVERA

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HON. GEORGE MICHAEL P. AGUILAR

.. MEMBER

**MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 05
Series of 2022**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF RABIES IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MONCADA, REPEALING FOR THIS PURPOSE MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE NO. 03, SERIES OF 2005, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "DOG RABIES ERADICATION ORDINANCE OF MONCADA, AS AMENDED"

Sponsored by: COUN. JANIUS M. YASAY

Chairperson, Committee on Rules, Ordinances, Legal Matters, Justice and Good Governance

WHEREAS, in keeping with the mandates of the Local Government Code of 1991, the Municipality of Moncada ensures the efficient and effective delivery of basic services specifically measures and regulations to prevent the emergence and spread of infectious diseases within its territorial jurisdiction. Towards this end, the LGU shall provide the manner of impounding stray animals, regulate the keeping of animals in homes or as part of a business, and prevent the spread of rabies in animals and humans alike;

WHEREAS, the advent of the Anti-Rabies Act (RA 9482) postulates necessary changes in the LGU's existing policies to keep pace with the provisions of the law and to address the mounting cases of animal bites and subsequently control rabies in the Municipality;

NOW, THEREFORE, on motion by Coun. Janius M. Yasay, duly seconded by Coun. Alberto C. Marzan, Jr;

BE IT ENACTED by the Sangguniang Bayan of Moncada in session assembled, that:



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SECTION 1. This Ordinance shall be known as the **“RABIES MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE OF MONCADA 2022.”**

SEC. 2. DEFINITION OF TERMS. For purposes of this Ordinance, the following terms shall mean as follows:

- a. **Stray Dog** - a dog which is on the loose prowling on private places or is not under the complete control of its owner.
- b. **Public Places** – include national, municipal or barangay roads, park, plazas, public market and such other places to the public.
- c. **Private Places** – include private owned street yards, a rice field of farmlands and lots owned by an individual other than the owner of the stray dog.
- d. **Rabies** – the disease common among canines and other mammals.
- e. **Neutering** – the surgical removal of an animal’s reproductive organ, commonly practiced on household pets such as cats and dogs as a method of birth control.
- f. **Tandok/Suma** - a native method used by faith healers and herb doctors to treat dog bites by the use of animal horn or stone applied to the bite wound, or inducing vomiting, or by any other means claiming to cure rabies.
- g. **Vaccination** – inoculation with a vaccine to produce immunity against an infectious or communicable disease.
- h. **Aspin** – refers to Philippine native dog. The term is a combination of the Filipino words “aso” (dog) and “Pinoy.”
- i. **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.
- j. **Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (P.E.P.)** – refers to Rabies vaccination administered before an exposure to Rabies to those who are at high risk of animal bites such as veterinarians and animal vaccinators.

SEC. 3. STATUTORY PROVISIONS.

- 1. To ensure a successful campaign in the control of rabies in dogs, and to promote the general health and welfare of the people, the Municipal Health Office and Municipal Agriculture Office are hereby deputized as lead agencies in the implementation of anti-rabies program of the municipality and shall coordinate with other related agencies and all barangay officials for consolidation of cases on the incidence of rabies in the municipality, and to conduct investigations, studies, research and information & education campaign, with the end in view of coming up with solutions to the problems concomitant to the purpose of this ordinance.



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2. Any person who refuses to cooperate with or obstructs any Health Personnel or Worker from the performance of their duties as provided in this Ordinance shall be held liable for obstruction of government functions and shall likewise be banned from owning dogs.
3. Owners of stray dogs shall be held liable for violation of this Ordinance.
4. Dogs and other animals that are potential carriers of rabies shall be vaccinated based on existing guidelines provided by the Municipal Veterinary Office.
5. Owners of stray animals are liable to pay the amount of the medical expenses incurred by victims of animal bites.
6. The Municipal Health Officer and Municipal Veterinarian shall discourage bitten persons from going to faith healers or *herbolarios* using tandok/suma or any other unacceptable procedure.
7. Every household is encouraged to have a maximum two (2) *aspins/askals*.

SEC. 4. MUNICIPAL RABIES CONTROL COMMITTEE (MRCC). A functional MRCC shall be organized to ensure the proper, effective and sustainable implementation of this Ordinance. The MRCC shall submit plans and programs for inclusion in the Annual Budget.

A. COMPOSITION. The Committee shall be composed of the following members:

Chairperson	:	Municipal Mayor
Vice Chairpersons	:	Chairperson, SB Committee on Agriculture Chairperson, SB Committee on Health
Members	:	Municipal Health Officer Municipal Agriculturist Municipal Veterinarian Chief of Police Public Schools District Supervisors President, Liga ng mga Barangay Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator Two (2) CSO Representatives

B. FUNCTIONS. The MRCC shall have the following functions:

1. Conduct and supervise dog immunization activities and stray dog control measures.
2. Ensure availability and adequate supply of animal anti-rabies vaccine at all times for the target areas.
3. Impounding field control and disposition of stray, unwanted and unvaccinated dogs.



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4. Establish a central data system for registered and vaccinated dogs.
5. Strengthen information, education and communication on rabies prevention and control.
6. Encourage the practice of responsible pet ownership.
7. Provide supply of human post-exposure treatment to animal bite victims and provision of pre-exposure prophylaxis to high-risk personnel.
8. Encourage the strict enforcement of the Municipal Ordinance relevant to rabies control, management, and prevention.
9. Establish and maintain a rabies-free zone Municipality.

SEC. 5. The **BARANGAY RABIES CONTROL COMMITTEE (BRCC)** shall be organized and established in every barangay to assist the Municipal Rabies Control Committee (MRCC) in ensuring the proper, effective and sustainable implementation of this rabies control ordinance as well as other rabies control-related programs and activities as it may deem necessary.

A. COMPOSITION. The Committee shall be composed of the following members, subject to additional membership as the need arises:

Chairperson	:	Punong Barangay
Vice Chairpersons	:	Sangguniang Barangay Chairpersons Committee on Agriculture Committee on Health
Members	:	All other Sangguniang Barangay Members SK Chairperson Barangay Health Workers Barangay Tanods Two (2) CSO Representatives

B. FUNCTIONS. The BRCC shall have the following functions:

1. As the prime movers in the rabies management program, the BRCC shall catch all stray, unwanted and unvaccinated Dogs in the Barangay and report to the MRCC.
2. Undertake yearly registration of all dogs to establish actual dog population count including entry of new dogs. The dog registry shall be updated as the need arises.
3. Assist in the conduct of vaccination of all registered dogs in the barangay in coordination with the MRCC.
4. Limit dog population by submitting them for neutering.



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5. Establish a Barangay Animal Holding Area which shall be maintained under the supervision of the Barangay Rabies Control Committee with the technical assistance from the Municipal Veterinarian. The Barangay Animal Holding Area shall be established through an Ordinance by the Sangguniang Barangay with the appropriate funding for the operations and maintenance thereof.

SEC 6. BARANGAY ANIMAL HOLDING FEE. The holding fee to be imposed by every barangay for each dog shall be three hundred pesos (P 300.00) for the first day and one hundred pesos (P 100.00) per day thereafter. Dogs held in the said unit shall be taken care by trained personnel of the barangay for a maximum of 3 days only, otherwise, unclaimed dogs shall be disposed off through adoption.

Any untoward incident that may arise or happen to the dogs during the holding period shall be coordinated and reported to the Municipal Veterinarian for appropriate action.

Unvaccinated dog shall be given anti-rabies vaccine before its release from the holding unit.

SEC. 7. RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP. All pet owners are enjoined to be responsible in taking care of their pets by complying with the following measures:

- a. Vaccinating dogs regularly against rabies.
- b. Leashing of dogs and not allowing them to roam the streets or any public place without a leash.
- c. Providing dogs with adequate food, water and clean shelter.
- d. Submitting of dogs for neutering when necessary.
- e. Monitoring of and reporting any abnormal behavior/temper and animal bite incidents within 24 hours to officials concerned for investigation or any appropriate action placing such animal under observation by the government or any private veterinarian.
- f. Assuming full liability whenever his dog has bitten a victim outside of his enclosed premises or whenever he lost control of the dog.
- g. Participate in any activities to control stray dogs.

SEC. 8. PENALTY CLAUSE.

1. Refusal or failure of owner to submit the dog for vaccination – Fine of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (Php2,500.00).
2. Refusal or failure to submit the dog for observation for fourteen (14) days in case of animal bite incident - Fine of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (Php2,500.00).



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3. Refusal or failure of owner to put leash on their dogs when they are brought outside the house shall be fined TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (Php2,500.00).
4. Dog owners who let their dogs go astray shall be fined FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (Php500.00) for the first offense. For the second offense, ONE THOUSAND PESOS (Php1,000.00) and for subsequent offenses, a fine of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (Php2,500.00) and the dog shall be brought to barangay animal holding area.
5. Any person who shall oppose, resist or otherwise interfere with the rabies control authorities or any of their authorized deputies in the performance of their duties set forth in this Ordinance shall be penalized with a fine of TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (Php2,500.00).
6. Any person found guilty of treating animal bites using "Tandok/Suma" shall be fined TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (Php2,500.00). If such illegal practice of folklore medicine will result to death, the person responsible shall be held liable according to pertinent laws and regulations.
7. Any person found guilty of trading dog meat shall be fined TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (Php2,500.00) without prejudice to the filing of separate case in proper court for violation of pertinent national laws and regulations governing such illegal practice.

SEC. 9. RABIES CONTROL ADVOCACY/MASSIVE INFORMATION DRIVE.

The Municipal Government of Moncada shall strengthen rabies education program by organizing an Information, Education, and Communications Campaign on Responsible Dog Ownership and incorporating the same in relevant subjects in the elementary and high school levels in coordination with the Liga ng mga Barangay, Municipal Agriculture Office, Local School Board, Municipal Health Office and the Local DILG. The IEC shall include among others, the dangers of rabies, its prevention and control. The Rabies Awareness Month must be observed and promoted.

SEC. 10. FUNDING. A mandatory appropriation for the purchase of human and canine anti-rabies vaccines and the corresponding logistics requirements for the sustainable implementation of this Ordinance shall be provided for in the annual budget of the municipality and barangay for every calendar year.

SEC. 11. REPEALING CLAUSE. Municipal Ordinance No. 03, Series of 2005 and all other rules and regulations or parts thereof which are in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SEC. 12. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any provision or part hereof is held invalid or declared unconstitutional, the other provisions which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

SEC. 13. EFFECTIVITY. This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its posting in at least three conspicuous places in the municipality and likewise in the official social media platforms and website of the LGU of Moncada.



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ENACTED, this **7th** day of **February 2022** at **Moncada, Tarlac**.

I HEREBY CERTIFY to the correctness of the foregoing Municipal Ordinance which was enacted on **THIRD** and **FINAL** reading by the Sangguniang Bayan of Moncada, Tarlac during its **5th** Regular Session held on the aforementioned date and place.


VICTOR SANDINO S. MOLINA
Secretary, Sangguniang Bayan

**ATTESTED AND CERTIFIED
TO BE DULY ENACTED:**


JAIME O. DUQUE
Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer

APPROVED by HER HONOR, this 10th day of February, 2022.


ESTELITA M. AQUINO
Municipal Mayor

