

Republic of the Philippines
Province of Iloilo
Municipality of Tigbauan
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OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE HONORABLE SANGGUNIANG BAYAN, TIGBAUAN, ILOILO, HELD AT THE BENJAMIN MELLIZA HALL, ON OCTOBER 6, 1997, 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT:

Hon. Jose Edgar Gaton	Councilor & Temp. Pres. Officer
Hon. Romeo Ledesma,	Councilor
Hon. Alfonso Babiera	Councilor
Hon. Jessie Terre,	Councilor
Hon. Nelly Tolosa,	Councilor
Hon. Cornelia Teruel,	Councilor
Hon. Ramonita T. Alcala,	ABC President
Hon. Jonathan T. Torrato	President, PPSK

ABSENT:

Hon. Agaton O. Tumabotabo,	OIC, Office of the Municipal Mayor
Hon. Rene Ledesma,	Councilor (O.B. Manila)
Hon. Offero Templora,	Councilor

Municipal Ordinance No. 97-002

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING A COMPREHENSIVE RABIES CONTROL PROGRAM AND CREATING THE TIGBAUAN RABIES CONTROL COMMITTEE

Sponsor : Hon. Jessie G. Terre
Co-Sponsored by: Hon. Ramonita Alcala, Hon. Romeo Ledesma, Hon. Nelly Tolosa &
Hon. Jose Edgar Gaton
Seconded By : Hon. Cornelia Teruel

WHEREAS, Rabies has been and will always be dreadful and fatal disease;

WHEREAS, the Philippines ranks 2nd among the leading countries in term of Rabies prevalence;

WHEREAS, recent studies undertaken by the Livestock Sector, Department of Agriculture, indicate that Iloilo has the highest rate in Region VI, of positive results for Negri bodies (pathognomonic lesion for rabies) on dog brain specimen sent and examined pathologically at the Animal Diagnostic Laboratory at the Department of Agriculture, Manila, and ranks 3rd in the entire Philippines;

WHEREAS, because of this statistical records, the national Rabies Council (NRC) was created by the Department of Agriculture (Livestock Sector) to handle problems regarding Rabies;

WHEREAS, Iloilo is among the seven identified recipients of the National Rabies Control Program which was launched on September 1996;

WHEREAS, in order for Tigbauan to become a beneficiary of Rabies Vaccines under the national Rabies Control Program, it is required that a local comprehensive program be formulated;

WHEREAS, the cost of treatment of patients diagnosed as having rabies has become very expensive to ordinary citizens;

WHEREAS, there is a need to create the Tigbauan Rabies Control Committee to implement this proposed Comprehensive Rabies Control Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, AS IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED by the Sangguniang Bayan of the Municipality of Tigbauan, Province of Iloilo, that:

SECTION 1. - DEFINITION OF TERMS. The definition of terms as used in this ordinance shall be:

- 1.a. Veterinarian – a trained person authorized to treat an animal medically.
- 1.b. Dog - the term dog shall apply to a specific domestic animal, canine family, male or female
- 1.c. Vaccination against rabies - means the inoculation of a dog with rabies vaccine licensed for the species by the Department of Agriculture (DA). Such vaccination must be performed by a trained individual from DA or Department of Health (DOH).
- 1.d. Owner – shall mean any person keeping, harboring or having charge or control of or permitting any dog to habitually be or remain on, or be lodged or fed within such person’s house, yard or premises.
- 1.e. Rabies Control Authority - duly authorized person or persons responsible for enforcement of this ordinance (policemen, DA, DOH personnel, trained vaccinator, members of the Barangay Council, and others as maybe determined by the Municipal Council).
- 1.f. Has Been Bitten - means has been seized with the teeth so that the skin of the person has been wounded or pierced, including scratches.
- 1.g. Enclosed Premises - means the 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.
- 1.h. Restrained - means tethered, leashed or caged

SECTION 2. - MUNICIPAL RABIES CONTROL COMMITTEE

There is hereby formed a Municipal Rabies Control Committee (MRCC) which shall have the authority of implementing this rabies control ordinance, and other rabies control activities as it may deem necessary.

This Committee shall be composed of the following members, subject to additional membership as the need arises:

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| 1. Chairman | -Municipal Mayor |
| 2. Vice Chairman | -Chairman, Committee on Health and Sanitation |
| 3. Members | -Municipal Agriculture Officer |
| | -Municipal Health Officer |
| | -Municipal PNP Station Commander |
| | -District Supervisor/Principal of Town High School |
| | -President, Association of Brgy. Captains |
| | -Two NGO Representatives |

- Municipal Veterinarian/Livestock Inspector
- Information Officer
- Pres., Mun. Homeowner's Assoc. (if there is any)
- Municipal Planning & Dev't. Coordinator
- Clergymen
- DILG Representative

SECTION 3. - DUTIES OF THE VETERINARIAN/LIVESTOCK INSPECTOR

It shall be the duty of each Veterinarian/Livestock Inspector, when vaccinating any dog, to complete a certificate of Rabies vaccination (in duplicate) for each animal vaccinated.

The certificate shall include the following information:

1. Owner's name, address, and telephone number (if any)
2. Description of dog (color, sex, markings, age, name species, breed (if any))
3. Date of vaccination and vaccine expiration (if known)
4. Rabies vaccination tag number
5. Vaccine producer
6. Vaccinator's signature
7. Veterinarian's license number/vaccinator's address

The dog owner shall be provided with a 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 dog.

NOTE: Some of the above provisions may not apply in a mass vaccination campaign.

SECTION 4. RABIES VACCINATION.

Every dog three (3) months of age and older shall be submitted by the owner for vaccination against rabies every year or as indicated on the label/literature of the vaccine, but in no case shall not exceed 24 months. Young dogs shall be vaccinated within 30 days after they have reached three (3) months of age.

SECTION 5. DOG REGISTRATION OR LICENSING

Dog shall be registered by their owner upon reaching the age of three (3) months and every year thereafter. Unvaccinated dog registered after reaching the age of three (3) months, and dog three (3) months old and above not previously registered shall be vaccinated prior to registration.

The dog owner shall pay such registration fee as maybe determined by the Municipal/Barangay Council. The registration officer shall provide the owner with a Certificate of Registration for the dog and affix to it a distinguishing collar tag as proof of registration.

Every household shall only be allowed to raise three (3) DOGS.

SECTION 6. ELIMINATION OF UNREGISTERED DOGS.

Unregistered dog over the age of four (4) months as determined by the Municipal Veterinarian/Livestock Inspector shall be seized under the supervision of the licensed Veterinarian/Livestock Inspector or the Municipal Rabies Control Committee (MRCC) or shall be vaccinated and registered under the provisions of Section 5, provided that proper coordination and permission from the house owner and/or animal owner shall be observed.

SECTION 7. REPORTING OF BITING INCIDENTS.

The owner of the dog which has bitten any person and the person who has been bitten, and/or the health Station or Center or Hospital or Clinic where such bite victim has been brought for treatment, shall within 24 hours of the occurrence, report the incident to the Municipal Health Officer and/or the Barangay Health Workers or Police Officer receiving such information shall immediately transmit such information to the Municipal Rabies Control Committee for investigation.

SECTION 8. OBSERVATION PERIOD.

The dog which has bitten any person shall not be destroyed, eliminated or killed, rather shall be restrained by the owner or any person who seized such dog for observation within the period of 15 days and report daily the status of such animals to the Municipal Rabies Control Committee.

SECTION 9. LIABILITY OF OWNERS OF BITING DOGS.

The owner of a dog which has bitten any person shall be responsible for all the treatment and dog examination related expenses incurred by the bite victim(s).

SECTION 10. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE.

Any dog owner who fails to register his/her dog in accordance with Section 5 shall be subject to a fine of ____ (or as maybe determined by the Municipal/Barangay Council).

SECTION 11. REPEALING CLAUSE.

Any prior ordinance in conflict or inconsistent herewith shall be deemed repealed and/or amended accordingly.

SECTION 12. ENFORCEMENT.

It shall be the responsibility of the Municipal Authority to Administer this regulation ordinance, and to promulgate the necessary rules and regulations for its implementation. Enforcement shall be the responsibility of the Municipal Rabies Control Committee, defined under Section 1 of this ordinance.

SECTION 13. EFFECTIVITY.

This ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after having been posted in two (2) conspicuous public places.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have quoted correctly the foregoing approved Municipal Ordinance of the Sangguniang Bayan.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:
MARLENE T. NAVA
S.B. Secretary

ATTESTED:
JOSE EDGAR GATON
Councilor & Temporary Presiding Officer

APPROVED:
AGATON O. TUMABOTABO
Vice Mayor & OIC, Office of the
Mayor

