



MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
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TO : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS, THE ARMM REGIONAL GOVERNOR, AND DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS

SUBJECT : LGUs RABIES VACCINES AVAILMENT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE-BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9482 (THE ANTI-RABIES ACT OF 2007)

Republic Act No. 9482 (The Anti-Rabies Act of 2007) declares the policy of the State to protect and promote the right of the people to health, through the system of control, prevention of spread of rabies, and eventual eradication thereof.

In a multi-sectoral collaborative implementation prescribed under the law, the Department of Agriculture (DA) is mandated to ensure the availability of adequate supply of animal anti-rabies vaccines, while Local Government Units (LGUs) are responsible for the proper immunization of dogs in their respective areas as common source of rabies, and conduct of proper dog registration.

In that connection, and in line with the DILG's task of ensuring LGUs' compliance, all Provincial Governors, City and Municipal Mayors are hereby encouraged to mobilize their respective Provincial/City/Municipal Veterinary Officers, or Agricultural Officers and/or Designate Rabies Focal Persons to coordinate with the Department of Agriculture-Regional Field Units (DA-RFUs), for the immediate availment of rabies-vaccine allocations. NCR LGUs shall directly coordinate with the DA-Bureau of Animal Industry in as far as allocation of vaccines is concerned.

Further, the following prescribed delineation of functions, between and among the DA-RFUs and the local government veterinarians, pursuant to the *National Rabies Prevention and Control Program Manual of Operations (2012)* shall be observed:

DA-RFU Regional Coordinators

- σ Initiate and coordinate all rabies control activities in the provinces/cities/municipalities;
- σ Prepare the yearly regional action plan;
- σ Disseminate program information, guidelines, Executive Orders to all provincial/city/municipal coordinators;
- σ Allocate/distribute vaccines from central office (BAI) to the different provinces/cities/municipalities;
- σ Ensure proper cold storage of vaccines;
- σ Ensure availability of vaccines for the campaign;
- σ Monitor vaccine utilization;
- σ Consolidate reports from the different provincial coordinator and submit to the central office;
- σ Monitor the implementation of dog ordinance and dog pound in the Provinces;
- σ Assist the province in overseeing the implementation; and
- σ Collect empty/used vaccine vials from the provinces and ensure proper disposal (burning/burying) at the Regional Office or at the Bureau of Animal Industry.

Provincial Coordinator (Provincial Veterinarian)

- σ Prepare yearly provincial action plans and submit to the regional level for consolidation;
- σ Provide actual dog survey and other monitoring data to the regional coordinator;
- σ Allocate and distribute vaccine to the different municipalities;
- σ Provide and ensure cold storage for vaccines;
- σ Monitor proper vaccine utilization during vaccination campaign;
- σ Assist in training vaccinators during mass immunization;
- σ Monitor proper implementation of rabies ordinance and dog control measures in all municipalities;
- σ Organize rabies control committees in all cities/municipalities;
- σ Initiate and coordinate all rabies control activities in the cities/municipalities
- σ Consolidate reports of vaccination to be submitted to the regional coordinator; and
- σ Collect used vaccine vials and return it to the regional coordinator for proper disposal.

Municipal/City Coordinator (City/Municipal Veterinarian/Agriculturist)

- σ Coordinate all rabies control activities with other agencies in the local government unit;
- σ Provide dog population survey to update provincial data;
- σ Receive vaccine allocation from the provincial coordinator for dog vaccination at the barangay level;
- σ Ensure proper implementation of the rabies ordinance, dog pound and stray dog control;
- σ Consolidate report of vaccination for submission to the provincial coordinator;
- σ Ensure cold storage of dog vaccine and provide vaccine container (styrofoam) to maintain and ensure temperature requirement while vaccinating in the area;
- σ Provide mobility for vaccinators during campaign; and
- σ Collect used vaccine vials and return it to the regional coordinator through the provincial coordinator for proper disposal

All DILG Regional Directors are hereby directed to ensure the dissemination of this Memorandum Circular to all LGUs within the areas of responsibility.

For information and guidance of all concerned.


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