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CITY ORDINANCE NO. 279-2023

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AN ORDINANCE REVISING VARIOUS ORDINANCES RELATED TO THE OWNERSHIP OF PETS IN THE CITY OF BACOR, CAVITE AND IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS HEREOF.

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WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8485 (also known as the "Animal Welfare Act of 1989") mandated the protection and promotion of the welfare of all animals in the Philippines by supervising and regulating the establishment and operations of all facilities utilized for breeding, maintaining, keeping, treating, or training of all animals either as objects of trade or as household pets.

WHEREAS, Section 458 (4) (viii) of Republic Act No. 7160 (the "Local Government Code of 1991"), provides that all local government units may pass ordinances providing for the impounding of stray animals; regulate the keeping of animals in homes or as part of a business, and the slaughter, sale or disposition of the same; and adopt measures to prevent and penalize cruelty to animals.

WHEREAS, the City Health Office reported to the Sangguniang Panlungsod that an average of 1,703 persons gets bitten by rabid dogs and cats in the City of Bacoor every year. All of whom receive anti-rabies shots at the expense of the city government.

WHEREAS, the Office of the City Veterinarian reported to the Sanggunian that 291 stray dogs were euthanized in 2022 alone. The said animals posed a threat to public safety and imperilled the health and sanitation efforts of the city government which justified their euthanization.



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NOW THEREFORE, be it **ORDAINED** by the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite that:

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as the "**Pet Ownership and Breeding Regulation Ordinance of the City of Bacoor.**"

Section 2. Scope. This Ordinance shall apply to all activities related to the ownership, breeding, sale, trading, transportation, keeping, and training of dogs and cats in the City of Bacoor, Cavite either as objects of trade or as household pets.

Section 3. Definition of Terms. The following terms as used in this Ordinance shall be defined as:

3.1. "**Household pets**" are dogs and cat that are kept within a place of residence.

3.2. "**Ownership**" refers to the state, relation, or fact of being an owner of a cat or dog.

3.3. "**Breeding**" is the process or action of bearing or generating dogs or cats.

3.4. "**Sale**" is the transfer of ownership over a dog or cat from one owner to another.

3.5. "**Trading**" is the business of buying and selling or bartering dogs or cats or both between two or more persons.

3.6. "**Transportation**" is the conveyancing or traveling from one place to another of dogs or cats on motor vehicles in the company of one or more persons.

3.7. "**Keeping**" is the state of allowing dogs or cats to stay in a particular house or place of business. For purposes of this Ordinance, a person is considered to be keeping a dog or cat if the said animal/s stay in the same place where that individual works or resides for more than two (2) days.

3.8. "**Training**" is the process of teaching dogs and cats tricks or behavior modification techniques.

3.9. "**Harboring**" is the act of giving security, comfort, or refuge to a dog or cat for at least two (2) days.

3.10 "**Feeding**" is the act of habitually providing food or sustenance to a cat or dog. For purposes of this Ordinance, a person shall be considered to be feeding a cat or dog if he/she



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provides food or sustenance to an animal or group of animals for at least three (3) consecutive days.

3.11. "**Neutering**" is the removal of both testicles of a male dog or cat through surgery.

3.12. "**Rabies**" is a potentially fatal disease that can be prevented through the use of a vaccine which is usually spread through the bite of a rabid animal.

3.12. "**Spaying**" is the surgical removal of the ovaries of a female cat or dog.

3.13. "**Intracardiac (IC) injections**" is the administration of a euthanizing agent with the use of syringe directly into the heart of a dog or cat to cause immediate death.

3.14. "**Anaesthetized**" is the state of an animal deprived of feeling or awareness due to the effects of an anaesthesia.

3.15. "**Sedated**" is the state of an animal made to fall asleep or to keep calm through the administration to it of a sedative drug.

3.16. "**Intramuscular (IM)**" is the administration of a drug within or into a muscle of an animal.

3.17. "**Subcutaneous**" is the administration of a drug under the skin of an animal.

3.18. "**Intraperitoneal (IP)**" is the administration of a drug through an animal's peritoneum (i.e., the thin, transparent membrane that lines the walls of the abdominal cavity and contains/encloses the abdominal organs such as the stomach and intestines).

3.19. "**Intrahepatic**" is the administration of a drug directly to an animal's liver.

3.20. "**Sodium pentobarbital**" is a drug that can cause the death of an animal due to respiratory arrest.

Section 4. Registration of Household Pets. All residents of the City of Bacoor and all business establishment operating within the said city who/that own, keep, train, sell, trade, or transport, harbor household pets are hereby required to have the said dogs and cats registered with the Office of the City Veterinarian (OCV) when the animal/s reach the age of three (3) months old. A person who keeps, feeds, or harbors a cat or dog for a period of three (3) consecutive days are considered to be the owner of the said animal/s for purposes of this Ordinance.



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Section 5. Requirements for Registration. Household pet owners are hereby mandated to comply with the following requirements for the registration of the said animals:

5.1. Submit proof that the said animal/s have been vaccinated against rabies within a period of 12 months prior to the day when the application for registration was submitted with the CVO; and

5.2. Present the Pet Registration Certificate issued previously in favor of the pet owner for the same dog or cat.

Section 6. Impounding, Field Control and Disposition of Unregistered, Stray and Unvaccinated Animals. - Unregistered, stray or unvaccinated animals within the City of Bacoor shall be kept in the Bacoor City Pound and disposed of subject to the following guidelines:

(1) Impounded animals not claimed within three (3) days from the Bacoor City Pound shall be placed for adoption to qualified persons, with the assistance of an animal welfare NGO, when feasible, or otherwise disposed of in any manner authorized, subject to the pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 8485, otherwise known as the "Animal Welfare Act of 1998".

(2) The following fees shall be paid by owners of impounded or rescued animals, to wit:

Types of Fees	Amount
Impounding Fee	PhP 200.00 per day of confinement
Registration Fee	Php 70.00
Branding Fee	Php 50.00
Forcible Sterilization Fee	Dogs (male) -- PhP 1,500.00 (female) -- 1,000.00 Cats (male) -- 1,000.00 (female) -- 500.00
Euthanization Fee	Php 1,000.00 (optional)
Vaccination Fee (parvovirus enteritis, canine distemper, canine hepatitis, leptospirosis, and parainfluenza)	Php 500.00 (optional)
Deworming Fee	Php 150.00 (per 10 kilogram of the animal's body weight)
Adoption Fee	Php 300.00



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Burial Fee	For small sized animals --	Php 150.00
	For medium sized animal --	Php 350.00
	For large sized animals --	Php 500.00
	(The City Veterinarian shall determine the size of the animal based on its weight, length, and height.)	

(3) All of the above-mentioned fees shall be paid at the City Treasurer's Office. No animal impounded at the Bacoor City Pound shall be released unless the foregoing amounts have been paid by the owner of the said animal/s and a corresponding official receipt has been issued. **Aside from the above-mentioned fees, the owner of the pet must also pay the various fines, if any, that may be imposed against him by the City Veterinarian for violating this Ordinance or any other city ordinance before the said animal can be released.**

(4) Animals not claimed within three (3) days after it was impounded shall be offered for adoption to the public for a period not to exceed ten (10) days. After the expiration of the said ten (10)-day period, the animal shall be euthanized in the manner provided hereunder.

(5) The carcass of euthanized animals that were impounded by the OCV shall be disposed in a manner that is allowed by law. The carcass of animals euthanized with the express consent of its owners shall not be sold.

(6) The carcass of animals euthanized with the express consent of its owners shall be buried at the burial plot within the Bacoor City Pound compound. However, the owners of the said animals must sign a written agreement that they shall allow the exhumation of their pets' bones on the third year after burial so that the said bones may be donated to medical or veterinary schools for study with the written consent of the City Veterinarian or of the City Mayor. The refusal of the owners of the said animals to sign the said written agreement shall bar the burial of their pet within the Bacoor City Pound compound.

(7) All impounded dogs and cats shall be neutered before they can be adopted or released to their owners. The sterilization fee and other applicable fees mentioned in Section 6 hereof shall be paid by the prospective adoptee before the animal can be released. The prospective adoptee shall, however, be exempted from paying the impounding fee and shall be entitled to a 50% discount on the Forcible Sterilization Fee mentioned in Section 6 hereof.



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(8) The City Veterinarian shall have the sole power to determine if a person is qualified to adopt an impounded animal. No impounded animal covered by this Ordinance shall be adopted without the written consent of the City Veterinarian.

(9) A Certificate of Adoption shall be issued by the OCV to the prospective adopter. A Certificate of Registration and Immunization shall also be issued to owners and adopters of impounded animals covered herein.

(10) No impounded animal shall be released to its owner or to a prospective adopter without first being immunized against rabies and without being registered and tagged. The vaccination against various diseases other than rabies and the deworming of an impounded animal is optional. The OCV shall establish and maintain a computerized "animal registration, immunization, and population control system".

(11) Subject to availability of funds, the cost of immunizing household pets against rabies within the City of Bacoor shall be free of charge if conducted by the OCV.

(12) The burial fee to be charged against pet owners who voluntarily had their pet euthanized and buried by the Bacoor City Pound shall depend on the size of the carcass involved. An animal that has a length from snout to tail end not exceeding 48 inches is considered "small-sized". An animal that has a length from snout to tail end not exceeding 96 inches is considered "medium-sized". An animal that has a length from snout to tail end exceeding 96 inches is considered "large-sized".

(13) A simple marker shall be placed on the grave of an animal buried by personnel of OCV. It shall be the duty of the Utility Workers of the OCV to bury (1) euthanized animals whose owners have paid the corresponding burial fee, and (2) animals accidentally killed or that have died on public roads.

Section 7. Dog and Cat Population Control. -- In furtherance of the policy of this ordinance to eradicate rabies, there is a need to control the dog and cat population within the city and minimize the number of unwanted stray dogs and cats. As such, it is hereby mandated that the OCV shall:

- (1) Undertake an educational and promotional campaign on responsible pet ownership, including the option of spaying or neutering their dogs or cats;



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- (2) Provide a 50% discount on the Forcible Sterilization Fees provided under Section 6 hereof in favour of pet owners who voluntarily had their pet dogs or cats spayed or neutered by personnel of the OCV; and
- (3) Dogs or cats which have been impounded more than three (3) times shall only be released after the animal has been spayed or neutered at the expense of the pet's owner who shall be made to pay the Forcible Sterilization Fee mentioned under Section 6 hereof.

Section 8. Animal Euthanasia.— Pursuant to Section 6 of Republic Act No. 8485, the following guidelines in the euthanization of animals under the care of the Bacoor City Pound shall be strictly observed, to wit:

- (1) Animal euthanasia to be conducted by the authorized personnel of the OCV shall only be permitted under the following instances:
 - (a) When the animal is afflicted with an incurable communicable disease as determined and certified by a duly licensed veterinarian;
 - (b) When the killing is deemed necessary to put an end to the misery being suffered by the animal as determined and certified by a duly licensed veterinarian;
 - (c) When it is done to prevent an imminent danger to the life or limb of a human being;
 - (d) When done for the purpose of animal population control;
 - (e) When the animal is killed after it has been used in authorized research or experiments; and
 - (f) Any other ground analogous to the foregoing as determined and certified by a licensed veterinarian.
- (2) Animal euthanasia, in the instances mentioned above, shall be conducted in the following manner, to wit:
 - (a) All city government employees who will perform euthanasia or participate in the euthanasia process must be properly trained. Training should consist of classroom instruction and practical hands-on experience. The administration, however, of any authorized euthanizing agent shall only be done by a city veterinarian;



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- (b) There must always be at least two people performing the euthanasia procedure for the comfort of the animal and the safety of the people involved;
- (c) Procedures should conform to government regulations pertaining to the handling of controlled substances;
- (d) Live animals as well as minor children should never be allowed to witness euthanasia taking place;
- (e) General anaesthesia prior to euthanasia should always be an option or consideration to be used for the welfare of the animal. This should be considered and used at the discretion of the veterinarian performing euthanasia;
- (f) Intravenous (IV) injections are the preferred method of euthanasia for dogs, puppies, cats, and kittens, including pregnant animals. However, euthanasia by use of a gas chamber may also be resorted to subject to strict compliance to all government regulations related thereto;
- (g) Intraperitoneal (IP) injections on cats and kittens should be used as a last resort and it is strongly recommended that the animal be anesthetized;
- (h) Intracardiac (IC) injections of deeply anesthetized (not sedated or tranquilized) animals where IV or IP cannot be gently administered due to the animal's temperament or physical condition should be used only as a last resort;
- (i) Gentle and compassionate handling of all animals should always be observed;
- (j) Use of muzzles, restraint gate and control poles shall only be allowed where a specific animal warrants such restraint or when the safety of humans is at stake;
- (k) Use of purpose-designed cat nets and/or squeeze cage to restrain feral or fractious cats or small mammals is hereby allowed;
- (l) Always have backup drugs (anaesthetic and euthanizing agent) available to respond to unanticipated circumstances or emergencies;
- (m) Death must be verified on every animal. Use of the stethoscope technique is the preferred method. Additional methods of observation include rigor mortis, eye reflex, gum coloration and other accepted and humane methods of verifying the death of an animal ; and
- (n) Needles used for the euthanization of animals must never be re-used.

(3) The following practices in euthanizing animals shall **not** be condoned and shall be considered a violation of this Ordinance and of other pertinent laws, to wit:



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- (a) Intracardiac (IC) injections on non-anesthetized animals;
- (b) IC injections on sedated or tranquilized animals;
- (c) Gas chamber use to administer a lethal dose of carbon dioxide or carbon monoxide which does not comply with government regulations involving the euthanization of animals;
- (d) Any other non-injectable method of performing euthanasia such as electrocution, use of blunt force, stunning, and the like;
- (e) Over handling or over restraining of animals through the use of muzzles that tend to injure animals or other similarly harmful restraint devices;
- (f) Use of control poles on cats;
- (g) Intramuscular (IM) or subcutaneous (SC) administration of sodium pentobarbital;
- (h) Intrahepatic injections of sodium pentobarbital;
- (i) Reuse of needles;
- (j) Not verifying death using stethoscope technique, methods of observation including rigor mortis, eye reflex, gum coloration and the like;
- (k) Use of cardiac puncture as the primary method of verification; and
- (l) Other practices similar or analogous to the above.

Section 9. No animals inside food establishments. Except for live fish or crustaceans displayed or kept in freshwater aquariums inside restaurants serving seafood, no live animals shall be allowed inside food establishments. The managers or owners of food establishments shall have the right to disallow customers carrying live animals or pets from entering the premises of the said establishments. The owner/proprietor of food establishments who shall violate shall be subjected to the penalty hereinafter provided.

Section 10. Maximum Number of Pets Per Household. The maximum number of pet dogs and cats per household within the City of Bacoor shall be four (4). Keeping more than four pets per household shall be allowed only if the owner of the said pets or household can ensure that:



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- (1) All of the said pets are duly vaccinated and registered with the OCV;
- (2) The said animals do not produce too much noise that they already affect the right of neighbors to rest and sleep soundly at night; and
- (3) The said animals, their kennels, and immediate surroundings are always kept clean and free from offensive odors.

Section 11. Dumping of Animal Carcass. Dumping or disposing of any animal carcass or dead pets on sidewalks, streets, creeks, rivers, vacant lots, parks and other public places within the City of Bacoor is strictly prohibited.

Section 12. Penalties. The following penalties shall be imposed against any person who violates this Ordinance who is convicted after trial by a court of competent jurisdiction:

First Offense: payment of fine amounting to P3,000.00;

Second Offense: payment of fine amounting to P4,000.00 plus imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days.

Third Offense: payment of fine amounting to P5,000.00 plus imprisonment for not more than sixty (60) days.

Section 13. Additional Penalties. Any pet animal that cause injury to a third party due to the failure of its owner/keeper to observe the provisions of this ordinance, other city ordinances, or any prevailing law shall be confiscated by the OCV for behavior modification training to be conducted by the said office at the expense of the said owner/keeper. If the owner/keeper of the said animal/s refuse to subject his/her pet to such training or if he/she refuses or fails to pay for the cost of such training, the said animal/s shall be put up for adoption or euthanized subject to the applicable provisions of this Ordinance. The owner/keeper of the said animal/s shall be held liable to reimburse the city government the cost of keeping or euthanizing the said animal.

Section 14. Implementing Rules and Regulations. The City Legal Services Office is mandated to formulate the implementing rules and regulations of this Ordinance in consultation with the Office of the City Veterinarian.

The City Legal Services Office shall submit the draft implementing rules and regulations of this Ordinance to the City Mayor for his approval not later than sixty (60) days after the effectivity date of this Ordinance.



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SECTION 15. Repealing Clause. All Ordinances, orders, and rules inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby modified or repealed accordingly.

SECTION 16. Separability Clause. Any provision of this Ordinance not declared void or unconstitutional by the proper court of law shall remain valid.

SECTION 17. Effectivity Clause. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after it has been published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

ENACTED this 24th day of April 2023 by the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was approved in accordance with law by the 5th Sangguniang Panlungsod of the City of Bacoor, Cavite.

Certified by:

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City Councilor / Acting Presiding Officer

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Date of Approval: 12 MAY 2023