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SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD
Lungsod Mandaluyong

ORDINANCE NO. 853, S-2021

**AN ORDINANCE ENACTING MANDALUYONG
CODE OF RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP,
PRESCRIBING REGULATORY FEES AND
PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND
FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8485, as amended by R.A. 10631 "An Act Amending Certain Sections of R.A. 8485 otherwise known as the "Animal Welfare Act of 1998", provides for the protection and promotion of the welfare of all animals in the country by supervising and regulating the establishment and operation of all facilities utilized for breeding, maintaining, keeping, treating or training of all animals either as objects of trade or as household pets;

WHEREAS, the same Act provides that animal welfare pertains to physical and psychological well-being of animals which includes but not limited to, avoidance of abuse, maltreatment, cruelty and exploitation of animals by maintaining appropriate standards of accommodation feeding and general care, the prevention and treatment of diseases and the assurance of freedom from fear, distress, harassment, and unnecessary discomfort and pain, allowing animals to express normal behaviour;

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Republic Act No. 9482 otherwise known as the "Anti-Rabies Act of 2007" declares the policy of the state to protect and promote the right to health of the people through a system of control, prevention of the spread, and eventual eradication of human animal rabies;

WHEREAS, the prevention of rabies epidemic and instilling of discipline among animal owners, particularly those with dogs and cats, call for the enactment of this Mandaluyong Code of Responsible Pet Ownership;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Mandaluyong seeks to address rising incidents of animal bites and stray animals in public places in the interest of public safety and health, encouraging neutering to ensure that every pet is traceable to its owner and to promote responsible pet ownership.

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Mandaluyong shall come up with policies and guidelines promoting and inculcating a sense of responsible pet ownership;

WHEREAS, in compliance to the provisions of the same and in order to enhance the health and safety of our constituents, the Sangguniang Panlungsod resolves to adopt this Ordinance.

Be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod, in session assembled do hereby state:

Article I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 1. Title. - This Ordinance shall be known as "Mandaluyong Code of Responsible Pet Ownership".

SECTION 2. Coverage/Exemptions. - This Ordinance shall be applicable to all cats and dogs found within the City of Mandaluyong, except:

- a) those owned by licensed research facility;
- b) those held in a veterinary medical facility or government operated or licensed private animal shelter;
- c) those owned by non-residents which are maintained in the city not more than thirty (30) consecutive days;
- d) dogs/cats brought to the city exclusively for the purpose of dog shows, cat shows, and exhibitions;
- e) dogs/cats placed on sale at pet shops and other enterprises for animals, with a business license issued by the City.

SECTION 3. Purpose. - This Ordinance aims to educate every owner on basic proper care, handling and health for their pets, prevent animal bites, prevent rabies epidemic, address cases of lost or stolen pets, and encourage every Mandaleno to adopt safe and healthy pets from the City Animal Shelter.

SECTION 4. Definition of Terms. - As used in this Ordinance, the following terms shall be defined as:

- a) Animal Registry - refers to a log where the identity of the pet and its Owner are registered.
- b) Cat - means any animal of ferral species regardless of sex.
- c) City Animal Shelter - refers to a facility owned and operated by the Mandaluyong City Government that rehabilitates and re-homes, identified spayed and neutered pets.
- d) Dog - means any animal of canine species regardless of sex.
- e) Euthanasia - refers to the process of humane destruction of animal accomplished by a method that produces rapid unconsciousness and subsequent death without evidence of pain and distress.
- f) Owner - means every person in possession of or harboring any dog or cat, or who allows any such animal to remain about his premises for a period not less than ten (10) days.

- g) Pet - for purposes of this Ordinance, refers to either dog or cat.
- h) Rabies - refers to a zoonotic disease (a disease that is transmitted to humans from animals) that is caused by a virus. The disease affects domestic and wild animals, and is spread to people through close contact with infectious material, usually saliva, via bites or scratches.
- i) Spayed female cat - means any female cat on which an ovariectomy or hysterectomy has been performed by a licensed veterinarian and accompanied by certificate asserting that operation has been performed.
- j) Spayed female dog - means any female dog on which an ovariectomy or hysterectomy has been performed by a licensed veterinarian and accompanied by certificate asserting that operation has been performed.
- k) Stray/Roaming dog/cat - means any unlicensed or licensed dog/cat found unattached or loose anywhere in the city limits and no longer under the effective control of the Owner.
- l) Unspayed Female cat - means any cat of the female gender on which no surgery has been performed to alter the genital organs.
- m) Unspayed Female dog - means any dog of the female gender on which no surgery has been performed to alter the genital organs.
- n) Vaccination - means inoculation of dog/cat with standard rabies vaccine.
- o) Vicious dog/cat - means any dog/cat with known tendency to attack unprovoked or to cause injury, or otherwise threaten the safety of human beings or other animals, or has bitten any person.

Article II

PET REGISTRATION AND VACCINATION

SECTION 5. Registration.

- a) It is hereby required that all dogs and cats which could be carriers of rabies virus must be registered in the City Animal Shelter. All Owners, who are residents of Mandaluyong City, shall cause the one-time registration of their dog or cat with the City Health Department thru the City Animal Shelter, within three (3) months after birth, or within thirty (30) days after the dog or cat is acquired. New residents shall have a period of thirty (30) days to register their dog or cat.

b) Upon registration, Owners shall be issued a Certificate of Registration and/or Dog/Cat Registration Book for each pet registered. It shall serve as special permit granting privilege to the Owner to possess and keep the pet identified therein.

c) No dog or cat shall be registered with the City Animal Shelter unless the same had been immunized against rabies. The City Veterinarian shall determine if the pet being registered had already been immunized within a period of one year (1) from date of presentation of the pet for registration. Otherwise, the City Veterinarian shall cause the vaccination at the cost of the Owner.

SECTION 6. Vaccination. - It shall be the duty of Owners to have their dog or cat inoculated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian annually. Owners shall ensure that the veterinarian performing vaccination furnish them a Certificate of Vaccination for their pets.

The vaccination shall be valid for a period of one (1) year, unless otherwise stated by the veterinarian.

SECTION 7. Dog/Cat Registration Book. - The City Animal Shelter shall issue a book to the Owner of the pet containing the following information:

- a) Name, contact number, and address of the Owner;
- b) Date of registration;
- c) Date/s of vaccination/s;
- d) Name, breed, age, color and sex of the pet;
- e) Distinguishing marks;
- f) Other information as may be deemed necessary for the identification of the pet and its Owner.

Dogs and cats that are duly registered shall be given twenty percent (20%) discount on laboratory services provided by the City Animal Shelter, and twenty percent (20%) discount incentive on the City's partners/organization advocating and providing animal care services.

SECTION 8. Regulatory and Service fees. - The following regulatory fees for registration shall be collected from dog and cat owners:

REGISTRATION	50.00
IMMUNIZATION	50.00
ANTI-RABIES	50.00
CASTRATION:	
Cat	250.00
Dog	300.00

LIGATION: Cat Dog	500.00 750.00
ABANDONED	500.00
BURIAL	Optional
CREMATION	1,000.00 (for small pets: those that weigh only up to ten kilograms) 2,000.00 (for medium pets: those that weigh more than ten, but not more than 25 kilograms) 3,000.00 (for large pets: those that weigh more than 25 kilograms)
IMMUNIZATION	100.00
IMPOUNDING	200.00 per day

Registration fees collected under this Ordinance shall be placed in a Trust Fund for the exclusive use of the City Animal Shelter for its operation and maintenance.

Article III

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PET OWNERS

Section 9. Duties and Responsibilities of Pet Owners. - An Owner of a dog or cat shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- To submit pet for mandatory registration;
- To take care of the pet, and provide it sufficient food and fresh water supply, adequate shade and shelter, and keep its pens and enclosures clean and in sanitary condition;
- Not to cause or prevent any form of neglect, abuse and cruelty to the pet in accordance with Republic Act No. 8485, otherwise known as "Animal Welfare Act of 1998";
- To keep the pet within his or her premises or otherwise, keep on a leash to maintain control, to prevent it from becoming a danger to persons or property, or from trespassing on the property of another;
- To prevent the pet to run stray or loose in public places;
- To immediately remove and dispose properly the pet's waste when excreted on property other than his own and in public places, and to prevent accumulation of waste on his or her property;
- Not to allow the pet to bark or make noises that disturbs the neighbors;

- h) To have a licensed veterinarian inoculate the pet;
- i) To have the pet vaccinated against rabies regularly; and
- j) To be liable for any damage caused by the pet on property or persons. An Owner of a pet shall execute an Undertaking attesting that he or she read his or her duties and responsibilities under this Ordinance and promising performance thereof. The Undertaking shall form part of the requirements for registration of the pet.

Failure to perform by the Owner of any of the aforementioned duties and responsibilities shall be a ground for the revocation of registration and rescue of the pet from his or her possession, without prejudice to the penalties provided under Section 11, Article V hereof.

Article IV

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CITY ANIMAL SHELTER

Section 10. Roles of Animal Shelter.

Monitoring. - The City Animal Shelter shall be charged with the duty of keeping the pet registry, collating data from the registrants, and shall manage the centralized dogs and cats registry for Mandaluyong City, including the supervision and control on the issuance of dog and cat registration books. There shall have an internal spay/neuter program for City Animal Shelter as a long-term solution to the stray population problem. The City Animal Shelter may conduct spay/neuter outreach in barangays and depressed communities. The City Animal Pound shall ensure protections & confidentiality of pet owners' registration.

- a) **Documentation.** - The City Animal Shelter shall have a log where pets, registered, vaccinated, adopted, spayed/neutered and euthanized pets are documented properly;
- b) **Records Keeping.** - There shall be individual file of dogs and cats as to their registration, adoption, deaths, and cause of deaths, claims and abandonment.
- c) **Facility Maintenance.** - The City Animal Shelter shall implement protocols to inspect the facility thoroughly such as:
 - 1. Disinfecting the area of operations, and materials and equipments used;
 - 2. The disinfectants shall be used in a manner not harmful to the pets;
 - 3. Cleaning and maintaining the site of operations; and
 - 4. Structural repairs shall be provided, if needed.

- d) Sanitation. - There shall be regular cleaning and disinfecting of kennels and grounds.
- e) Disease Control. - All reasonable precautions must be taken to prevent and control the spread of infectious or contagious disease among the animals. Any outbreak of infectious disease, such as kennel cough or cat flu, must be immediately treated. Animal with disease shall be isolated and the outbreak be investigated to prevent further spread and to determine what precautions can be taken to reduce future outbreaks.
- f) Protocols. - The City Animal Shelter shall have euthanasia protocols which ensure that animals do not suffer or remain untreated. Sick animals shall either be under a treatment program, if treatable, or euthanize if untreatable, as determined by a licensed veterinarian. Dogs and cats, which are seriously or terminally ill, gravely injured, in extreme pain and suffering progressively irremediably deteriorating, or shelter staff cannot afford treatment with existing resources or funds, or can no longer enjoy quality of life due to debilitated crucial body functions, or are deemed not safely adoptable due to aggression issues and pose as a danger to public, household members and other pets if re-homed, shall be extended a dignified, painless way out to prevent further suffering. Only humane methods of euthanasia shall be administered by the city veterinarian.
- g) Impoundment of Stray Animals. - It shall be the duty of the City Animal Shelter to impound at the City Animal Welfare Pound any dog or cat running at large within the city limits. Such dog or cat impounded shall only be released to its Owner upon proof of registration and payment of appropriate fines or fees.

Article V VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES

Section 11. Penalties. - Any Owner of dog or cat, who shall fail to register and immunize his or her pet, or who shall fail to discharge the duties and responsibilities under Section 9, Article III hereof, shall be punished with a fine of not less than Five Hundred Pesos (Php 500.00) but not more than One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00), or imprisonment of not less than fifteen (15) days but not more than thirty (30) days, or both at the discretion of the court.

Section 12. No Contest Provision. - Persons or owners violating this Ordinance who wish not to contest their liability may pay the minimum amount of the above enumerated fines for the violation with the City Treasury before the institution of formal complaint; Provided that, should the violator concerned already avail of the benefits of this Section three times, he can no longer avail of the same, and the corresponding complaint for violation of the Ordinance shall be filed.

Section 13. Other Prohibited Acts.

Obstruction or prevention of any person enforcing the Ordinance to carry out an inspection on any dog or cat found in public places as well as private property	P500.00
Obstruction or prevention of any person enforcing the Ordinance to seize: (a) stray or roaming dog and cat in public places; or (b) not being stray or unweaned dog or cat, is not properly cared for, maltreated or abused; or (c) vicious dog or cat	P500.00
Abandonment of pet	P500.00

Article VI

ADOPTION OF IMPOUNDED PETS FROM THE ANIMAL REGISTRY

Section 14. Adoption Procedure. - Dogs and cats, which have been impounded and are not suffering from or suspected to have an infectious or contagious disease or which have not been injured to such an extent that it would cause, in the opinion of the City Veterinarian, unjustifiable pain or suffering, and which have not demonstrated extreme aggression against humans or other animals, shall be held for redemption within ten (10) days from receipt of written notice given to the Owner at his or her last known address. Dogs and cats that have been impounded shall be released to their Owners upon presentation of proof of ownership, and upon payment of fines and lawful fees. Those dogs and cats not claimed within the time limit mentioned shall be deemed abandoned for purposes of this Ordinance, and shall become property of the City. Such dogs and cats may be placed for adoption.

Dogs and cats placed for adoption shall be vaccinated and registered at the Animal Registry before custody is relinquished.

Article VII

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 15. Separability Clause. - If, for any reason, any portion or provision, section or part of this Ordinance is declared not valid by a court of competent jurisdiction or suspended or revoked by the Sanggunian, such judgment shall not affect or impair the remaining portions, provisions, sections, or parts thereof which shall remain or continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 16. Repealing Clause. - All Ordinances, rules and regulations or part thereof in conflict or inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

Section 17. Effectivity. - This Ordinance shall take effect after its approval and publication at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in Metro Manila.

Section 18. Information Dissemination. - The City Animal Shelter shall conduct information drive on this Ordinance in schools, barangays and communities within the City of Mandaluyong.

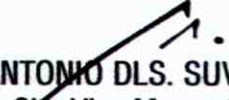
Within six (6) months from effectivity of this Ordinance, the City Animal Shelter shall go to all twenty-seven (27) barangays of Mandaluyong City for mass registration and immunization of pets. It shall also promote dogs and cats adoption, volunteerism and animal welfare awareness in the communities to achieve the goal of not only becoming a rabies-free city, but an ANIMAL WELFARE-FRIENDLY CITY as well.

ENACTED on this 11th day of October, 2021 in the City of Mandaluyong.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE
WAS ENACTED AND APPROVED BY THE SANGGUNIANG
PANLUNGSOD OF MANDALUYONG IN A REGULAR SESSION
HELD ON THE DATE AND PLACE FIRST ABOVE GIVEN.


MA. TERESA S. MIRANDA
Sanggunian Secretary

ATTESTED BY:


ANTONIO DLS. SUVA
City Vice Mayor &
Presiding Officer

APPROVED:


CARMELITA A. ABALOS
City Mayor

Date: OCT 18 2021