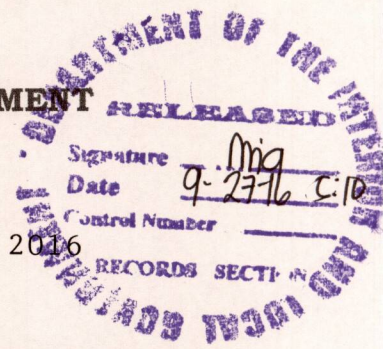




Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT



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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 2016-130

T O : ALL PROVINCIAL GOVERNORS, CITY MAYORS, MUNICIPAL MAYORS, THE ARMM REGIONAL GOVERNOR, AND DILG REGIONAL DIRECTORS

SUBJECT : 2016 WORLD RABIES DAY (WRD) COMMEMORATION ON THE 28TH OF SEPTEMBER, 2016

The Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Animal Industry (DA-BAI) is spearheading the *World Rabies Day Commemoration* on September 28, 2016. Anchored on the theme, **Rabies: Educate, Vaccinate, Eliminate**, the year's commemoration culminates the declaration of *Rabies Free-Zones*, as well as, launching of Private Organization's (PO's) bridge program of providing assistance in the distribution of vaccines to LGUs, to support government scarcity of resources.

In that connection, all Local Chief Executives in provinces, cities, municipalities are hereby encouraged to mobilize their respective Provincial/City/Municipal Veterinary Offices, and LGU Agriculture Office as rabies program counterpart in the absence of LGU Veterinary Office, to participate in the WRD Commemoration to strengthen rabies prevention by educating the public on animal bites prevention/management and responsible pet ownership. Suggested activities are as follows:

1. Hanging/Display of streamers/tarpaulins with rabies prevention messages in strategic places in the locality and in front of provincial/city/municipal halls, announcing LGU participation in WRD celebration;
2. Disseminating rabies awareness information materials; and
3. Mobilizing LGU staff and coordinating with other government agencies and the private sector in conducting education and social activities (e.g., seminar/for a film showing, lectures, mass anti-rabies vaccination drive) in the community to create greater awareness about rabies control and prevention and responsible ownership.

For accessing online resources on rabies and WRD celebration banner tarpaulins, all concerned are hereby encouraged to:

- ✓ Register with the Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC), Philippines facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/GlobalAllianceforRabiesControl/>
- ✓ Create a public event on facebook,
- ✓ Share the event on your timeline (choose the "share on public" setting, and
- ✓ Invite GARC to your WRD event by tagging @GlobalAllianceforRabiesControl & using the hashtag #WorldRabiesDay

For other details, all concerned may coordinate with Dr. Noverlee P. Calub of the Animal Health and Welfare Division, DA-BAI at Telephone No. (02) 926-2638, Mobile No. 09175563964 or email: drlee2890@gmail.com.

All DILG Regional Directors and ARMM Regional Governor are directed to cause the widest dissemination of this Memorandum Circular to LGUs within their respective areas of jurisdiction.

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