



ANTI-RABIES SHOT TO STOP DEATHS OF HUMANS AND PETS

PET TALES
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RABIES kills one person every 10 minutes.

This was revealed by the Research Institute for Tropical Medicine (RITM) in the paper "Escaping Rabies' Death Crawl: PH's combat against the deadline disease."

Most of the deaths due to rabies happened in Asia and Africa.

Half of the number, involved children who were 15 years old and younger, RITM reported, quoting a study done by the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Rabies hits the nervous system, causing death in a few days.

But rabies is preventable.

Knowing this and the terrible consequence of being bitten by a rabid dog, the Meycauayan city veterinarian office (Bulacan), Barangay Lawa officials and the Ciudad Grande Homeowners' Association offered free anti-rabies vaccination to dogs and cats in the barangay last March 5.

A total of 366 dogs and cats were given the anti-rabies shot.

Animal welfare groups Save ALL Inc- Save Animals of Love and Light and Whelps helped organize the event.



In photo are: Meycauayan city vet Dr. Imelda Arguelles; barangay chairman Richard De la Cruz, homeowners association president Rolando Hernandez; Save ALL representative Sylvia P. Ongsing; Whelps founder Chie Dayday; Barangay Lawa officials Carmen Fugaban, Olivia Librando, Letecia Santos, Maritess Pasua, and Allien Pallasigul; association officers Susana Ogaco, Felomena, Marquez Gemma Asoi; Dra. Clarissa Castro of the city vet office; and Estanislao Reyes, Leonarda Condecido, Arlyn Robles, Julietta Benitez, Criselda Ramos, Erlinda Molina, Sevilla Lebreja.

Sylvia P. Ongsing, Save ALL representative for Bulacan, coordinated with the city vet, the barangay and the homeowners' association to ensure most if not all of the pets in the barangay are given the shot.

The homeowners association led by president Rolando Hernandez hosted the anti-rabies drive in the subdivision's basketball court.

"Barkin" Bakes Healthy Pet Food, through

their generous donors, sent free dog food and cat food as treats to the furbabies, most of whom were afraid but still smiled after being injected.

Anti-rabies injection must be given to all dogs and cats yearly. The first shot is given when they are pups or kittens, or at about eight weeks of age. The injection will ensure both humans, cats and dogs are safe from rabies.



Dr. Imelda Arguelles, Meycauayan, Bulacan city vet, injecting anti-rabies vaccine to a dog brought by an owner.



From left: Vilma Olibar Abud (blue shirt) and Rica Araque (yellow shirt) of the homeowners association and Olive Librando, mother leader of the association assisted the city vet and barangay officials. In the background are the free dog food and cat food given by Barkin' Bakes Healthy Pet Food.



Dr. Clarissa Castro Nobida and Doc Steve of the Meycauayan city vet office injected anti-rabies vaccines on hundred of dogs and cats with other vets.



The best line: Responsible owners brought their pets



The dogs waiting for their turn.



The cats waited too.