



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 30**  
Series of 2023

**CREATING A RABIES TASK FORCE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF ITOGON, DESIGNATING ITS MEMBERS, DEFINING ITS DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, Section 2 of R.A. 9482 or the Anti-Rabies Act of 2007 declared it a policy of the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people. Towards this end, a system for the control, prevention of the spread, and eventual eradication of human and animal rabies shall be provided and the need for responsible pet ownership established;

**WHEREAS**, rabies remains a significant public health concern being the cause of death of hundreds of individuals and affecting the lives of many families nationwide hence, the adoption and formulation of plans, programs and strategies such as the Rabies Prevention and Control Program Strategic Plan for 2020 to 2025 with the goal of achieving a zero incidence of rabies by 2030;

**WHEREAS**, local government units play crucial role in the implementation of R.A. 9478, and to enlist their active participation, the DILG issued subsequent Memorandum Circulars calling on LGUs to intensify their efforts in compliance with their responsibilities specifically provided under section 7 of the law;

**WHEREAS**, the creation of a rabies task force in the municipality as implementing unit of the Municipal Anti-Rabies Committee will facilitate efficient implementation of rabies prevention and control programs in the locality, strengthen collaborations with other stakeholders in the barangays and provide quick response in cases calling for immediate interventions;

**NOW THEREFORE**, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, I, **BERNARD S. WACLIN**, Municipal Mayor of the Municipality of Itogon, Benguet Province, hereby create the Municipal Rabies Task Force as follows:

**Section 1. Creation of a Municipal Rabies Task Force:** A Municipal Rabies Task Force is hereby created, its members and the duties and functions thereof are as provided in the following sections.

**Section 2. Composition/Members of the Task Force.** The Municipal Rabies Task Force shall be composed of the following:

TASK FORCE HEAD:	-MS. JENNILYN C. WACLIN Municipal Human Rabies Coordinator
ASSISTANT HEAD:	-DR. FRANKLIN P. BALANBAN Municipal Animal Rabies Coordinator
MEMBERS:	-MS. ROSSAN B. BALISTO MESU Coordinator -MS. CLAUDETTE P. CARIÑO Health Promotion Officer -MS. ELENA G. TINDAAN Animal Bite Treatment Center -MS. LEONCIA S. NABAYSAN Sanitation Inspector I



- MR. MATEO L. MAYOS JR.  
District I Teachers' Association Representative
- MS. EMELDA G. AMANCIO  
District II Teachers' Association Representative
- MR. REX D. COPIO  
PTA Federation President, Itogon District I
- MR. GERRY DAYSA  
PTA Federation President, Itogon District II
- All Chairpersons of the Sanguniang Barangay  
Committee on Health
- All Chairpersons of the Sanguniang Barangay  
Committee on Agriculture
- All Midwives assigned in the different Barangay Health  
Stations
- Presidents/Representatives of Barangay Health  
Workers in the different barangays
- All Chief Tanods of the nine barangays
- All Barangay Rabies Coordinators
- All Public School Nurses, Itogon Districts I and II

**Section 3. Duties and Functions.** The Municipal Rabies Task Force shall perform the following functions:

1. Be the frontline in the implementation of all local and national rabies prevention and control programs in all barangays of the municipality pursuant to Republic Act No. 9486, such as, but not limited to care and treatment of animal bites, regular dog vaccination, responsible pet ownership, conduct of dog population survey, investigation and surveillance of incidence of human and animal rabies cases, conduct of programs and activities in support of the Rabies Elimination Program, etc.;
2. Ensure proper storage, administration and management of rabies vaccines which are either procured by the municipality or provided by provincial government, DOH, PVET, and by other donors whether public or private;
3. Serve as advisory body to the Municipal Rabies Prevention and Control Committee on matters relative to the adoption and/or formulation of local plans and programs, guidelines and policies, including budget allocation to effectively implement the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9485;
4. Conduct regular Information, Education and Communication campaign in the barangays including schools. Corollary thereto, shall develop IEC materials such as pamphlets, posters, streamers for distribution and posting in public places and in social media platforms;
5. Develop and maintain an updated rabies data base and submit reports to the DOH-CAR, the Provincial Coordinator and the Municipal Rabies Prevention and Control Committee on a regular basis;
6. Establish linkages with other government agencies and private entities, groups or individuals for the provision of necessary support and assistance in pursuit of the goals and objectives of the rabies prevention and control program;

7. Assign a HOTLINE Number to be managed by a focal person designated by the Task Force from among themselves for reporting of incidents of animal bites and the existence of a situation where public health and safety is threatened by the presence of stray animals with harmful appearances and unusual behaviors;
8. Shall ensure strict enforcement of Ordinance No. 31, series of 2020, or the Ordinance Restricting Stray Animals Loitering and Littering Within Public Places in the Municipality of Itogon, in coordination with the "Implementing Authorities" as defined therein;
9. Perform other related functions and duties pursuant to law or ordinances or as may be directed by the Local Chief Executive.

**Section 4. Repealing Clause.** All Administrative Orders and executive issuances inconsistent with this ORDER or parts hereof are deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

**Section 5. Effectivity.** This Order shall take effect immediately.

**DONE** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023 at Itogon, Benguet.

**HON. BERNARD S. WACLIN**  
Municipal Mayor