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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Region VII, Central Visayas
DIVISION OF CEBU PROVINCE
Sudlon, Lahug, Cebu City



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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 234 s. 2017

RABIES AWARENESS AND PREVENTION THROUGH BRIGADA ESKWELA

To: Assistant Superintendents
Education Supervisors/Coordinators
District Supervisors/OICs
Elementary and Secondary School Heads
Heads, Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. Attached is DepEd Memorandum No. 34, s. 2017 informing the field on the inclusion of Rabies Awareness and Prevention in the conduct of the 2017 Brigada Eskwela.
2. All School Heads are enjoined to follow the 2017 Brigada Eskwela Guidelines in their program implementation.
3. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Rabies remains a serious public health problem in the country and is considered one of the most important zoonotic diseases in the world. It is a deadly disease that can be transmitted to humans through bite of an infected animal, usually dogs and cats. Consequently, available data shows that children below 15 years old are mostly the victims of dog bites.
2. As stipulated in Republic Act No. 9482 or the Anti-Rabies Act of 2007, the Department of Education (DepEd) is tasked to:
 - a. strengthen rabies education program through school health teaching or curriculum;
 - b. assist in the dog mass immunization campaigns in the community;
 - c. encourage collaborative activities with the Department of Agriculture, Department of Health, Department of Interior and Local Government, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, nongovernment organizations, post office and other concerned sectors; and
 - d. integrate proper information and education on responsible pet ownership in relevant subjects at the elementary and high school levels.
3. The *Brigada Eskwela* has been an effective program of the DepEd in ensuring the wellness and safety of students in the schools. It also promotes strong partnership and collaboration among various groups and stakeholders. Thus, *Brigada Eskwela* is a suitable venue to increase rabies awareness in the school community, including the teachers, learners, and parents.
4. To raise awareness on rabies prevention and efficiently disseminate rabies education among learners and parents, rabies education lectures will be conducted during the *Brigada Eskwela* Week in each school in coordination with the External Partnership Service.
5. Trainings on rabies education for selected health coordinators and *Brigada Eskwela* coordinators for each schools division will be conducted in every region before the conduct of *Brigada Eskwela* from March to May 15, 2017.

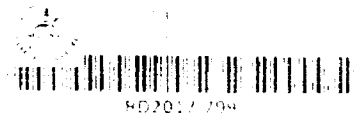


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Working to eliminate deaths from canine rabies by 2030



Attention: Dr. Berna Ysulan
Regional Coordinator for Adopt A School Program

Dear Dr. Jeruta:

Greetings from the Global Alliance for Rabies Control!

The Brigada Eskwela has been an effective program of the Department of Education in ensuring the wellness and safety of the students in the schools. It also promotes strong partnership and collaboration among various groups and stakeholders. These make Brigada Eskwela a suitable avenue to increase rabies awareness of the school community, including teachers, students, and parents.

Rabies is a deadly disease and children are always at risk. Based on the national rabies data of the Bureau of Animal Industry – Department of Agriculture, Region 7 one of the regions with highest incidence of canine rabies in 2016. Thus, it is suggested to include Region 7 as one of the pilot areas for the Rabies Awareness and Prevention Campaign through Brigada Eskwela.

In collaboration with the Department of Education Bureau of Learner Support Services and External Partnership Services, we will be conducting the Rabies Educator Certificate (REC) Course among the selected DepEd coordinators in Region VII. REC aims to train pool of Rabies Educators who can then serve as resource speakers for the rabies information campaign of the Brigada Eskwela Program.

This one-day event is scheduled on April 4, 2017, 8:00am to 5:00pm. With this, we would like to invite one health coordinator, one social mobilization coordinator, and one MAPEH supervisor from each Schools Division of Region VII. Furthermore, may we request to conduct the training at the 3rd Floor Conference Area of the DepEd Regional Office VII.

GARC will be providing the meals and training materials.

We look forward to your positive response and your continuous support towards our goal of a rabies-free Philippines. Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,


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