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EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD, DAGUPAN CITY, HELD AT THE SP SESSION HALL ON MAY 23, 2023.

PRESENT:

Hon. Dean Bryan L. Kua	City Vice Mayor & Presiding Officer
Hon. Maria Librada Fe M. Reyna	Majority Floor Leader, Member
Hon. Alvin T. Coquia	First Deputy Majority Floor Leader, Member
Hon. Redford Christian P. Erfe-Mejia	Second Deputy Majority Floor Leader, Member
Hon. Michael B. Fernandez	Minority Floor Leader, Member
Hon. Jeslito C. Seen	Deputy Minority Floor Leader, Member
Hon. Celia C. Lim	City Councilor, Member
Hon. Marilou Maria Lourdes S. Fernandez, DMD	City Councilor, Member
Hon. Dennis C. Canto	City Councilor, Member
Hon. Victoria Czarinna C. Lim-Acosta	City Councilor, Member
Hon. Marcelino D. Fernandez	Liga ng mga Barangay President, Ex-Officio Member
Hon. Joshua Bon Bon F. Bugayong	Pederasyon ng mga Sangguniang Kabataan President, Ex-Officio Member

ABSENT:

Hon. Alipio Serafin D. Fernandez	Presiding Officer Pro Tempore, Member
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ORDINANCE NO. 2259-2023

PROHIBITING THE MALTREATMENT, KILLING, SELLING, OR OFFERING FOR SALE OF ANY DOG AND CAT FOR FOOD, THE STORING OR OFFERING OF DOG AND CAT MEAT FOR SALE WITHIN THE CITY DAGUPAN, THE TRANSPORTING OF DOG AND CAT MEAT TO AND FROM THE CITY AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Republic Act No. 8485, was enacted into law for the purpose of protecting and promoting the welfare of all animals in the Philippines by supervising and regulating the establishment and operations of all facilities utilized for breeding, maintaining, keeping, treating or training of all animals either as objects or trade or as household pets;

WHEREAS, reports show that in all print and broadcast media including social media of animal maltreatment particularly dogs and cats all over the country;

WHEREAS, there is a public clamor not only in the City of Dagupan but also in the entire country for the proper treatment and protection of dogs and cats, which are man's faithful pet and companion at home;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Dagupan has intensified its campaign for canine protection in the face of the growing dog and cat meat trade in the city;

NOW, THEREFORE, on joint motion of Councilors Redford Christian P. Erfe-Mejia, Maria Librada Fe M. Reyna, Celia C. Lim, Marilou Maria Lourdes S. Fernandez, Victoria Czarinna C. Lim-Acosta, and Alvin T. Coquia, duly and jointly seconded by Councilors Michael B. Fernandez, Jeslito C. Seen, Dennis C. Canto, Joshua Bon Bon F. Bugayong, and Marcelino D. Fernandez, be it ordained by the Sangguniang Panlungsod in regular session assembled that:

Section 1. Title. This Ordinance shall be known as "Anti-Cruelty on Dogs and Cats" Ordinance in the City of Dagupan.

Section 2. Coverage. This Ordinance shall cover all dog and cat owners in the City of Dagupan.

Section 3. PROHIBITED ACTS AND PRACTICES.

a.) The killing and selling of dogs and cats for food, the storing, or offering for sale of dog and cat meat in restaurants, hotels, inns, boarding houses, and other eating places, or in any other place within the City of Dagupan is strictly prohibited: PROVIDED, however, that this prohibition shall not apply when there is a good and valid cause for the killing, or where the dog or cat to be killed is a mad dog or cat or is afflicted with an incurable diseases, when it is done to prevent an imminent danger to the life or limb of a human being, when the killing is deemed necessary to put an end to the misery suffered by the animal as determined by the city veterinarian or any licensed veterinarian in which case, the dog shall be killed humanely and disposal of it is in accordance with existing health ordinances.

b.) It is prohibited for any person to bring in dog and cat meat from any point outside the City of Dagupan and to store the same in any place or storage within the city, or transship such meat through any exit point in the city.

While it is not prohibited to transship such live dog and cat to or from Dagupan City, where the shipment of the animal is for a good and valid purpose as where the same shall be kept and cared for as a pet, but in such case the transported animals shall each be placed in a suitable cage.

c.) Cruelty to Dogs and Cats. - It is prohibited for any person in the city to torture or torment a dog or cat, for any owner to cruelty neglect to provide said animal with necessary sustenance or shelter or to cruelly beat or mutilate the same, or for any person who, while transporting a dog or cat to or from Dagupan City, shall do it in any manner that is tantamount to torturing or tormenting the animal or cruelly neglecting to provide it with the necessary sustenance or shelter. Cruelty includes transporting dogs and cats so overcrowded, placing them in the trunks or under the hood trucks of the vehicles. It shall also be un lawful for any person to torture the dog or cat, neglect to provide adequate care, sustenance or shelter, or maltreat them or subject them to dog/catfights.

Section 4. Vaccination. - All dog and cat owners within the City of Dagupan shall submit their dogs or cats for anti-rabies vaccination by a licensed private or government veterinarian initially three (3) months immediately after birth, or within five (5) days from arrival within the area unless previously immunized and regularly thereafter as determined by a competent veterinary officer. The owner shall at all times be prepared to present a current certificate of vaccination to the proper authorities upon demand.

Section 5. Creation of a Committee. - There is hereby created a Committee to be known as the Committee on Canine Protection. It shall be composed of a chairman and two (2) members to be appointed by the City Mayor and which shall oversee and supervised the implementation hereof. The Committee is authorized and empowered to call upon any official or employee in the city under its jurisdiction for such assistance as may be necessary and for similar assistance invite the representatives or private associations concerned with the welfare, care and health of dogs.

Section 6. Penalties. - Any person found guilty of violating Section 1 thereof, shall be punished by a fine as follows:

1 st Offense	Five Hundred Pesos (P500.00);
2 nd Offense	One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00);
3 rd Offense	Three Thousand Pesos (P3,000.00) and revocation of business permit or closure of establishment selling and offering dog and cat meat

In case of violation of Section 1 paragraph b, the dogs/cats or dog/cat meat being transshipped shall, in addition, be confiscated and impound or disposed of by the City Veterinary Office.

Section 7. Collection of Fine and Penalties. – The fines imposed for violation of this Ordinance shall be paid to the City Treasurer who shall turn over the same to, and shall accrue as a special fund of, the Commission to be spent in the implementation of this Ordinance.

Section 8. Separability Clause. – If for any reason any section or provision of this Ordinance is declared illegal or unconstitutional, other sections or provisions hereof which are not affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect.

Section 9. Repealing Clause. – All ordinances, rules and regulations which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

Section 10. Effectivity. – This Ordinance shall take effect ten (10) days after its publication in a newspaper of local circulation.

ENACTED UNANIMOUSLY.

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