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MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL CONCERNED

FROM : THE MANAGER
Medical Division

**SUBJECT : COMPREHENSIVE GUIDELINES FOR RABIES AWARENESS MONTH AND
MANAGEMENT OF DOG/CAT BITES**

In observance of Rabies Awareness Month and to ensure effective management of dog/cat bites among MIAA employees, the following comprehensive guidelines are established:

1. Rabies Awareness Month:

a. Purpose:

March is designated as Rabies Awareness Month to raise awareness about the risks associated with rabies and promote preventive measures.

b. Transmission and Prevention:

Rabies is a serious human infection transmitted through bites or scratches by infected animals like dogs and cats.

2. Management of Dog Bite Victims:

a. Reporting Incident:

Injured employees must report dog bite incidents promptly to their supervisor or the MIAA medical team.

c. Initial First Aid:

1.1 Provide immediate first aid treatment, including:

1.2 Thoroughly wash the wound with soap and water for at least 15 minutes.

1.3 Applying an iodine-containing or similarly viricidal topical preparation to the Wound.

1.4 Cover the wound with a clean bandage or dressing.

1.5 Advising the victim to seek medical attention for further evaluation and Management.

3. Management of Biting Animals:

a. Observation Period:

Biting animals should be observed for 14 days following the incident.

b. Care and Monitoring:

Provide adequate care, food, and drink to the biting animal during the observation period.

c. Consultation with Veterinarian:

If the biting animal shows signs of illness during the observation period, consult

veterinarian immediately.

d. Submission for Testing:

If the biting animal dies or shows signs of illness, it should be sacrificed, and the head should be submitted for testing.

4. **Compliance:**

- a. All MIAA employees must comply with the outlined protocols.
- b. Assessment and Recommendation:
The MIAA medical team will assess the severity of the bite and recommend further action.
- c. Referral to Dona Nena Animal Bite Treatment Center:
Upon recommendation by the medical team, the injured employee may be referred to Dona Nena Animal Bite Treatment Center for further evaluation and management.
- d. Require the Animal Bite victim to complete the required number of doses.

5. **Proper post-exposure prophylaxis:**

- a. wound care
- b. vaccination
- c. administration of Rabies Immune Globulin (RIG).

6. **Facilitated Referral Services:**

Referral services to Dona Nena Animal Bite Treatment Center will be facilitated free of charge for MIAA employees.

For inquiries or clarifications, please contact **MIAA Medical Division at 8-87713188/88771794.**

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.


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Noted by:



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References:

- 1. Department of Health Philippines guidelines on the management of dog/cat bites.
- 2. Executive Order No. 84, series of 1999, designating March as Rabies Awareness Month.
- 3. DOH Philippines protocol for initial first aid treatment of dog bite victims.