


**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 56**

Series of 2025

TO: **All VSU Employees and Students**

RE: **Mandatory Pet Confinement and Rabies Vaccination Drive**

FROM:   
**DR. PROSE IVY G. YEPES**  
University President

DATE: **February 12, 2025**

It has come to our attention that a case of rabies has been confirmed in a dog from a neighboring area. The infected dog contracted rabies from another dog, which may still be roaming the area, posing a significant health risk to both humans and animals.

In light of this, all pet owners are directed to confine their pets inside their homes to prevent further spread of the virus. Additionally, the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine will be conducting a house-to-house mass rabies vaccination for dogs and cats within the university to ensure the safety of both VSU and surrounding areas.

We also strongly discourage walking pets without a leash, as stated in Section 5(c) of Republic Act No. 9482 (Anti-Rabies Act of 2007) which states that "*Pet owners must maintain control over their dogs and not allow them to roam the streets or any public place without a leash.*"

Furthermore, all pets entering VSU premises must be vaccinated against rabies. Owners will be required to present proof of rabies vaccination upon entry.

For your information and strict compliance.

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