

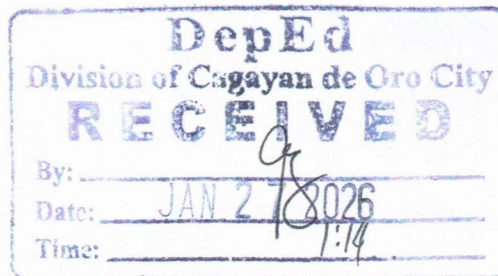
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Good day!

In line with the celebration of Rabies Awareness Month, the City Veterinary Office respectfully invites the **District School Nurses and Representatives** of the Department of Education here in Cagayan de Oro City to participate in the **Orientation for Rabies Educators**, to be held at the **City Veterinary Office** on February 12, 2026, at around 9 am.

This activity is conducted pursuant to the Anti-Rabies Act of 2007 (Republic Act No. 9482), which underscores the vital role of the Department of Education, particularly school nurses, in rabies prevention and control. As frontline school health professionals, District School Nurses are instrumental in promoting rabies awareness, proper wound care, and the timely reporting and referral of animal bite incidents among learners, teachers, and parents.

Under the provisions of RA 9482, the Department of Education functions as a key partners in:

- Disseminating accurate information on rabies transmission, prevention, and control;
- Providing initial assessment and proper first aid management of animal bites in school settings;
- Strengthening referral mechanisms for post-exposure prophylaxis;
- Supporting advocacy on responsible pet ownership and rabies prevention; and
- Assisting with integrating rabies education into school health programs.

This orientation aims to equip District School Nurses and DEP-ED personnel with updated knowledge and practical guidelines to serve as Rabies Educators effectively, thereby strengthening school-based and community-wide efforts toward rabies elimination in this city.

Your participation is highly encouraged as it will significantly contribute to safeguarding the health and safety of our learners and the community. For confirmation and further inquiries, please contact **Dr. Rod Grayson V. Baylo** at this number: **0917-777-2419**.

Thank you for your continued dedication to public health and education.

Yours sincerely,

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