**ANIMAL WELFARE**

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." ― Mahatma Gandhi

Animals should be treated with respect because they deserve one. There are a lot of animals in Barangay Camp Allen mostly, dogs and cats. Most of the resident’s pets are dogs and cats, some have shiatsu, K9, and other dog breeds. While some dogs also serve as a guard(bantay) in their owner's houses wherein most of this dogs are *askals*. Others chained their dogs in their houses, others caged them, and other dogs and cats are freely running and having their leisure time.

Some residents allow their pets inside their houses such as cats, shiatsu, Chihuahua and other little dog breeds. Bigger breeds like k9, are seen outside the resident's house serving as security in their houses.

Every year the barangay is conducting a free rabies vaccination for dogs. According to them, the owner of the dogs is obliged to participate in this activity of the barangay because they wanted to make sure that they are well-nourished and for the own safety of the owner also. Barangay Camp Allen is also strict when it comes to the stray dog that defecates in the streets and sidewalks. It is the policy of the barangay to protect and promote the right to health of the people towards this ends, stray dogs that defecate in the streets and sidewalks are prohibited and the need also for responsible of dog ownership is established.

Any dog found outside the premises of the owners are considered a stray dog, any authorized personnel is allowed to seize the dog. To identify the dog’s owner in case of dog stray, the barangay hall has a list of copies of the names of the dog as well as its owner to be sure that they are accountable for their animals. Any person that was bitten by the dog, the dog owner is obliged to pay all medical expenses of the victim. Dog owners who refuse to put a gash on their dogs when they are brought outside the premises shall be meted a fine of P300.00, There are no 1st, 2nd, and 3rd offenses.

Slogans that are also catchy to the eyes of nurturing dogs upon entering barangay Camp Allen includes the famous animal policy about dogs “*Aso ko, Tali ko”.* Visitors who want to bring their dog inside the premise of the barangay are also obliged to follow the rules for safety purposes. Any harmful actions done by the dog to the people around the barangay is accountable to the dog owner. Dogs that are being chained and caged are also given time to have leisure time for them to mingle with other animals in the barangay. According to the owner of these dogs, they are feeding their pets three times a day and they also have a monthly check-up on a registered veterinarian.

However, any stray dogs are taken care by the custodian in the barangay. Eating dog meats in the barangay are highly prohibited and anyone who is caught doing this violent act will be punished by the higher authorities in the barangay.

These creatures are well-treated in the barangay. They are well-nourished and treated properly for they believe that these animals can also help in the moral progress of the barangay and can be a big help in maintaining the peace and order of the place.