



**OFFICE OF THE CITY VETERINARIAN**

**2024 ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT: DOCUMENTATION**

**TREATMENT AND CONSULTATION**



The Office of the City Veterinarian offers essential services to pets at its clinic, ensuring their health and well-being. From Monday to Friday, 8 AM to 5 PM, providing pet owners with convenient access to quality veterinary care in our community. Routine procedures such as vaccinations and deworming are carried out by veterinarians, while consultations and treatments for sick animals include antibiotics, supplements, and prescriptions tailored to their needs. Additional services like intravenous fluid infusion, surgery, and parasite control are also available to address various health concerns.

**ANTIRABIES VACCINATION**



The Office of the City Veterinarian conducts annual anti-rabies vaccinations in the 26 barangays of Digos City. Office personnel go from house to house to inject anti-rabies vaccines into pets such as dogs and cats. This initiative is more effective than conducting vaccination drives in gyms or public places, as it minimizes animal stress and reduces waste such as urine and feces. It also helps constituents with multiple pets by saving them the hassle of bringing their animals to a central location. The above picture shows house-to-house vaccination at Brgy. Zone III on September 24-25, 2024, highlighting the community's commitment to responsible pet ownership and public health.



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### DEWORMING OF PETS AND LIVESTOCK ANIMALS



Together with the house-to-house vaccination, the Office of the City Veterinarian also offers free deworming for livestock in the 26 barangays of Digos City. This initiative aims to prevent parasitism, emaciation, and other health problems caused by gastrointestinal parasites. By providing these services directly to the community, the office ensures that livestock remain healthy and productive. The above picture shows a house-to-house deworming event that took place on August 13, 2024, demonstrating the commitment to safeguarding animal health across the city.

### CASTRATION AND SPAYING



The Office of the City Veterinarian is promoting responsible pet ownership, which includes animal population control to limit the number of strays in the city. Castration and spaying are some of the services offered by the office to help manage the pet population effectively. The picture above was taken last October 2024 during an afternoon full of surgeries, showcasing the dedication of the team in ensuring that pets are cared for responsibly and humanely, contributing to a healthier community for both animals and residents alike.





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### INSPECTION OF LIVE HOGS FOR VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE (VHC)



To prevent the spread of animal diseases, the Office of the City Veterinarian ensures that all animals are inspected and declared healthy before the issuance of the Veterinary Health Certificate (VHC). This protects not only the livestock holders of Digos, but also those areas that these animals will be shipped to. The Veterinary Health Certificate is also a requirement in the City Slaughterhouse to ensure that animals slaughtered and consumed are safe and free from diseases.

### ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

### ASSIST FARROWING/CALVING

### CASTRATION/TAIL DOCKING/TEETH CLIPPING OF LIVESTOCK ANIMALS

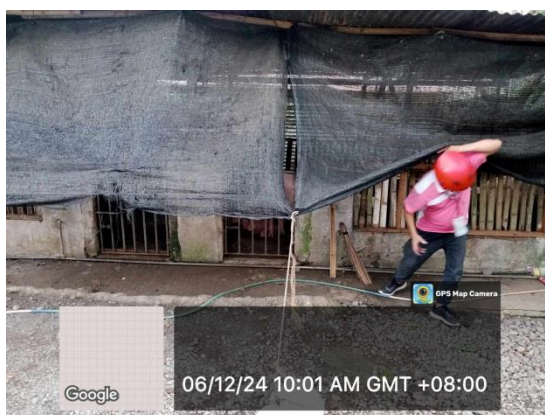




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The Office of the City Veterinarian employs livestock technicians to offer services throughout the City. A variety of services are offered like artificial insemination of swine, cattle and carabao. In cases of dystocia or difficulty in labor/birth, our technicians are always on-call to visit farmers in need of assistance. After birth services are also being done like tooth clipping, tail docking and castration.

**STOCKYARD INSPECTION**



To ensure that animals slaughtered in the abattoir are safe and free from diseases, the Office of the City Veterinarian regularly visits animal stockyards. In cases of irregularities and breaches in biosecurity protocols, the office also offers free disinfectants and tips on how to prevent the reoccurrence of diseases. Last June 12, 2024, this was one of the stockyard inspections that the office conducted, highlighting the importance of monitoring animal health and safety in our local food supply.





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### MEATSHOP MONITORING



Before meat shops and meat stalls can renew their business permits, the Office of the City Veterinarian checks if they pass the office's standards. The office issues a "Certificate of Compliance" to acquiescent meat shops. Regular meat shop visits are also done to ensure that they are compliant the whole year.

### LECTURE ON ASF, BIOSECURITY, AND DISTRIBUTION OF DISINFECTANT



The Office of the City Veterinarian offers lectures about pressing issues affecting the animal industry. In these lectures, veterinarians discuss how to prevent, control, manage, and report when these diseases are suspected to hit their barangay. To prevent diseases from entering their respective areas, disinfectants such as glutaraldehydes and lime powder are given to attendees. The picture above was taken last August 19, 2024, at Brgy. Soong, capturing an informative session aimed at empowering the community with knowledge and tools to safeguard animal health.



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## **ASF MONITORING AND SURVEILLANCE**



The Office of the City Veterinarian, with the assistance of Barangay Biosecurity Officers (BBO), regularly visits areas suspected to have diseases. Blood samples are collected to confirm or rule out the possibility of a disease outbreak. While waiting for the results, veterinarians and livestock technicians provide prophylactic treatments, disinfect the area, and conduct educational lectures on necessary precautions. The above picture was taken on April 4, 2024, during an inspection in Brgy. Tres de Mayo, where a suspected case of African Swine Fever (ASF) was being investigated.