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SUBJECT : IMMEDIATE DESTOCKING AND EVACUATION OF ALL ANIMALS AT BRGY. BANYAGA AND BILINBINWANG, MUNICIPLAITY OF AGONCILLO AND BRGY. BUSO-BUSO, GULOD AND BUGAAN, MUNICIPALITY OF LAUREL, PROVINCE OF BATANGAS

This has reference to the **TAAL VOLCANO BULLETIN JULY 2021** of PHIVOLCS, strongly recommending Taal Volcano Island and high-risk barangays of Bilibinwang and Banyaga, Agoncillo and Buso-buso, Gulod and eastern Bugaan East, Laurel, Batangas Province remain evacuated due to the possible hazards of pyroclastic density currents and volcanic tsunami should stronger eruptions subsequently occur. The public is reminded that the entire Taal Volcano Island is a **Permanent Danger Zone (PDZ)**, and entry into the island as well as high-risk barangays of Agoncillo and Laurel must be prohibited.

Whereas, the Batangas Provincial Veterinary Office (PVO) has already issued advisory to the Municipal Agriculturist Office of the affected areas on the immediate destocking and evacuation of all animals. Accordingly, the PVO has coordinated with livestock haulers to facilitate destocking should residents opt to dispose animals, while Animal Pooling Centers are being prepared at safer grounds for evacuation. In spite of that, many residents are still hesitant to relocate animals.

In view of the above, the Bureau of Animal Industry, with mandate to implement provisions of R.A. 8485/ R.A. 10631 **Animal Welfare Act of 1998** and to protect and promote animal health and welfare, strongly recommends the mandatory destocking and evacuation of all animals at the Taal Volcano Island and high-risk Barangays of Agoncillo and Laurel at this time to prevent complications should the situation escalates.

For additional information and guidance, please contact the **Batangas Provincial Veterinary Office** at (043)-740-8538/ (043)-740-9743 or **Dr. Krisel Ragas** at no. 0917 830 6540.

Done this 16th day of July 2021.


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