



**Department of  
Environment and  
Natural Resources**

September 29, 2005

**MEMORANDUM**

**FOR : ALL Regional Executive Directors,  
Bureau Directors and Head of Attached Agencies**

**FROM : The Director  
Administrative Service**

**SUBJECT : "ANIMAL WELFARE WEEK"**

Attached is a copy of Presidential Proclamation No. 715, declaring the First Week of October of Each Year as "Animal Welfare Week".

In view of the request of DA Secretary to the Hon. DENR Secretary and in support of its celebration, you are requested to observe the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Welfare Week Celebration on October 3-9, 2005.

Accordingly, a streamer (sample enclosed) for the purpose shall be displayed and if possible conduct simple animal welfare activities with its theme "Animal Welfare is in Every Filipino's Concern!"

For information and compliance.

  
**RAMON M. EZPELETA, CESO IV**

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**MALACANANG**  
Manila

**BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**PROCLAMATION NO. 715**

**DECLARING THE FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER OF EACH YEAR AS "ANIMAL WELFARE WEEK"**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to inculcate in the hearts and minds of the Filipino youth to be kind and to love all kinds of animals either domesticated or in wildlife;

**WHEREAS**, the virtue of kindness, justice and protection of all living creatures is the greatest contributing factor to maintain and restore the ecological balance in our country;

**WHEREAS**, Proclamation No. 537 dated September 30, 1958 declared the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October as Kindness to Animals Day;

**WHEREAS**, Republic Act No. 8485, otherwise known as the Animal Welfare Act of 1998 was enacted on February 11, 1998 to protect and promote the welfare of all animals in the country;

**WHEREAS**, the DA-Committee on Animal Welfare and the DA-Bureau of Animal Industry uphold and adhere to the Principles on the Declaration of Animal Welfare based on the Synthesis of the Workshop output of the Manila Conference on Animal Welfare (MCAW) held in Manila on March 25-26, 2003.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO**, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby declare the 1<sup>st</sup> week of October of each year as "**Animal Welfare Week**".

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

**DONE** in the City of Manila, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

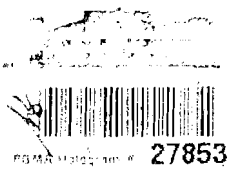
*Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo*



By the President:

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**EDUARDO R. ERMITA**  
Executive Secretary



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