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CONTROL OF RABIES
FEB. - JUN. 1944

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & H.Q. SHOTEN
ATO 394

Ref/237/19/CA

30 June 1944

SUBJECT: Control of Rabion.

TO : 501 Adv Adm Depot (2F).

Reference your Ltr of 25 June 44, enclosed herewith is
copy of Executive Memorandum No. 55 on above subject Ref/237/
2/CA of 1 May 44, forwarded to you as requested.

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NORMAN R. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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237 30 JUN 1944
Subject: Allied Control Commission Memorandum
237/9/ No. 55 dated 1 May 44.

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501 Adv Am Depot CAP
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Allied Control Commission,
CCP.

25 Jun 44

Ref GRC 506 of 44.

1. May this Unit please be supplied with one copy of a/u.
memorandum.



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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/237/17/OA

27 June 1944

SUBJECT: Control of Rabies.

TO : 69th (br) General Hospital.

As requested in your letter of the 24 June 44 a
copy of Executive Memorandum No. 55 is forwarded for
your information.

J.P.R.
NORMAN E. PIERCE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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Subject - Pamphlets.

Regional Commander,
Allied Control Commission.

May a copy of Allied Control Commission Memorandum 237/9/C.A. No. 55
dated 1 May 1944 please be forwarded to this office.

field.
24 June 44.

Shawcross
(J. SHAWCROSS) 2/Lieut., for COLONEL,
Commanding, 69 (Br.) General Hospital.



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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
B.C. & M.G. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/237/15/CA

20 May 1944

SUBJECT: Hyorophobia (Rabies.

TO : AMG 5th Army.

1. Your 200/3 of 13 May 1944
is acknowledged.

2. It is pointed out that Exe-
cutive Memorandum No. 3 and Schedule "A"
was superseded by Executive Memorandum
No. 55 dated 1 May 1944 copy of which was
forwarded to you. A further copy is sent
with this letter for your use.

W. I. SHIFF

NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

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HEADQUARTERS
AMG FIFTH ARMY (FIELD)
A.P.O. 464 U.S. Army

13th May 1944.

SUBJECT: Hydrophobia (Rabies).

200/3.

TO : H.Q., A.C.C.,
✓ R.C. & M.G. Section.

Reference H.Q., A.C.C., Executive Memorandum with Schedule A, dated 7th February 1944, and NATOUSA Circular No. 62, dated 26th April 1944.

1. A query has arisen as to whether the Executive Memorandum No. 3 (with schedule A), or the NATOUSA Circular No. 62 applies to the personnel and area under the direct administration of A.M.G. Fifth Army.

2. The presumption is that Executive Memorandum No. 3, with schedule A, does apply but should this not be the case, the following observations and recommendations are made -

(a) The S.P.H.O. and his medical officers are unable to comply with the instructions contained therein for, situated as they are at present, they have neither the facilities, or the equipment, to observe and confine animals for two weeks or until they develop symptoms of rabies.

(b) The NATOUSA Circular does not expressly forbid the keeping of all pet animals but only such as are allowed to stray. It is recommended therefore that, as far as A.M.G. is concerned and as a further safeguard to military personnel, a clause be added that animals which are allowed in Army organisations should be tethered or muzzled during the season when rabies are prevalent. This would be in conformity with Italian Civil Law.

(c) It is recommended also that, as far as A.M.G. is concerned, the instructions should be amended to read that "in killing the animal damage to the brain should be avoided".

3. Will you please, therefore, confirm that Executive Memorandum No. 3, with schedule A, applies to the personnel and area under the direct administration of A.M.G. Fifth Army or, if it does not, take such action as you may consider necessary, to amend Circular Memorandum No. 62 accordingly, insofar as it applies to A.M.G. Fifth Army.

For the Commanding General:

E.B. MAYNE,
Lt.Col., U.S.A.,
Chief of Staff,
A.M.G. Fifth Army.

HEADQUARTERS,
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 94.

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Regional Control and Military Government Section.

Ref: 27/13/4.

13th May 1944.

SUBJECT: Control of Robbery.

TO : Regional Commissioner, Region III.

1. I am directed by the Executive Commissioner to refer to Executive Memorandum No. 35 regarding the control of robbery.

2. I am to say that the instructions contained in this memorandum are to be carried out.

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of Capt Stewart
Captain,
Rt to Executive Commissioner.

Now for Public Relations Branch.

13 MAY Recd

PUBLIC RELATIONS BRANCH
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

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PRB 35.

11 May 1944.

Subject: Rabies.

To: Executive Commissioner.

I gather that with your support and the Chief Commissioner's assistance the small boomerang which I started about Rabies has come back with a thud, via Colonel Crichton, on to my unworthy head. Colonel Crichton is a friend of mine and I find him sensible.

I continue to think, lacking other information, that the Rabies order is based on very slender and possibly inaccurate information; and if you and the CC are keen that it should be obeyed it is clear that Pluto should be muzzled and on a leash. Colonel Crichton, with whom I have spoken, states simply that there have, as far as he knows, been very few cases of Rabies indeed, and that only one complaint, months back, has ever been received from the Army. On the other hand, he says, plenty of panicky Italians run to him whenever they are bitten by a dog and demand "indeterminate amounts" of vaccine which he can't provide. Records of Rabies, in his experience, are "extremely few and far between".

PRB seeks to collect information and naturally follows up a stringent order such as that on rabies. Our researches, maybe poor, so far seem to show (a) that there is not much foundation for the measures and (b) that the order is obeyed nowhere. If you can enlighten us, we shall be very pleased.

Lionel Fielden
LIONEL FIELDEN,
Major,
Public Relations Director.

B/ the order

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIANCE OF AMERICAN
N.O. & N.O. Section
APO 394

Ref/237/11/OL.

8 May 1944.

SUBJECT: Executive Memoranda No. 3 & 55 - Rabies.

TO : Admin. Section.

1. Reference your 4/19/44 of 6 May 1944.
2. Your suggestion is noted with thanks and will be carried out in the case in question when the revised Memorandum is sent out in printed form for the handbook.

HUBERT E. PINKS
Colonel,
Deputy Executive
Commissioner.

Copy to: Public Health Sub-Comm.

See any further action?
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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

4/19B/AS

6 May 44

SUBJECT : Exec Memos 3 & 55 of new Handbook - Rabies.

TO : RC & MG Section.

- 1 It is strongly urged that whenever a new Exec Memo replaces an existing memo, it should be given the same number, followed if desired by words such as (2nd Revision), and that the new printed version should replace in the book, the superceded version. This will avoid unnecessary amendment of the index, enable users to find what they need in its accustomed place and avoid a lot of cancellation of matter or missing pages in the book where cancelled matter has been removed and avoid error from failure to cancel dead matter.
- 2 This course is that adopted by the leading legal publishers who have experience in publishing revisions of legislation.
- 3 It is also requested that the issue of the revised memo in printed form be expedited lest officers may be deceived into thinking that Exec Memo 3 as published is still in force.

R.R. Cripps
R.R. CRIPPS, *1st Lt.*
Lieut. Colonel,
for VP Adm Section.

Copy to: Public Health Sub Comm refce 3008/PH.

C.C.
*Long notes with thanks
this will be done
in this case*

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/237/9/CA.

1. May 1944.

EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER 55)

CONTROL OF RABIES.

1. This supersedes Executive Memorandum No.3, dated 7 February 1944.
2. There exists on the Italian Mainland a high incidence of Rabies in dogs. The immediate danger to both military and civilian personnel may be serious. The spread of this disease must, therefore, be arrested.
3. The Italian Minister of the Interior has issued an instructive to all Prefetti under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government as in Appendix "1" attached.
4. The Prefetti in 237 Provinces will be instructed to take immediate action regarding this most urgent problem.
5. All owners in 237 territory will be treated as infected areas. Stray dogs will be handled as follows :
 - (a) All dogs other than those on a leash or with muzzle, found circulating, will be impounded and destroyed.
 - (b) The provisions of the existing Italian Decree relating to the registration of dogs will be made effective.
 - (c) Veterinarians will be empowered and instructed to employ dog catchers and provide and supervise a suitable premises for impounding and destroying of dogs.
6. Regional Commissioners will insure that the authorities named act promptly and with diligence in this matter. Monthly progress reports will in the future include a report covering action taken on this Memorandum.

Harmon E. Jones

2. There exists on the Italian Mainland a high incidence of rabies in dogs. The immediate danger to both military and civilian personnel may be serious. The spread of this disease must, therefore, be arrested.

3. The Italian Minister of the Interior has issued an instruction to all Prefetti under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government as in Appendix "A" attached.

4. The Prefetti in AMC Provinces will be instructed to take immediate action regarding this most urgent problem.

5. All canines in AMC territory will be treated as infected animals. Stray dogs will be handled as follows:

(a) All dogs other than those on a leash or with muzzle, found circulating, will be impounded and destroyed.

(b) The provisions of the existing Italian decrees relating to the registration of dogs will be made effective.

(c) Veterinarians will be empowered and instructed to employ dog catchers and provide and supervise a suitable premises for impounding and destroying of dogs.

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Incl.

Appendix "A"

DISTRIBUTION: AMHQ, MRS.

HQ, P.B.S.

HQ, A.A.S.I.

AMC Fifth Army

AMC Eighth Army

Regions I - VII

List "C"

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M. S. LUSH, Colonel
Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

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APPENDIX "A".EXTRACT FROM DECRETES DATED 10 MAY 1914.

(Plinio Veterinario y Vigilanza Zoológica (1939) Par. 4 Rabies 24.)

Art. 43 - In every community the following regulations are to be observed:

- (a) Dogs must be registered by the owners at the municipal office.
- (b) In the streets and in any other public place dogs, when not on a leash, must be muzzled.
- (c) Watch dogs can be kept without being muzzled only within the limits of the places which they are to guard, and sheep dogs and hunting dogs, when they are respectively utilized for the guarding of herds and hunting.

Art. 42 - Stray dogs, found without muzzle, must be caught and placed in a proper place of detention. After six days, if their owners have not claimed them, the seized dogs, with the exception of those mentioned in Articles 50 and 53, must be killed or turned over to any scientific institution, which may request them.

Art. 50 - Any animal to be found suffering from rabies will be killed immediately and the corpse disposed of in the manner prescribed, skinning being prohibited. The place where the animal was found will be disinfected. All animals, bitten by another animal known or suspected to be suffering from rabies, will be killed or isolated under terms of Art. 51. Dogs and cats which have bitten persons will, whenever possible, be caught and placed under observation under the supervision of the local authorities, for a period of time required to enable the veterinarian to establish whether or not they are suffering from rabies.

Art. 51 - Dogs, cats and other animals suspected of rabies and those bitten by animals suspected of rabies, if they are not killed, must be isolated, in suitable premises, at the owners expense, and kept under observation under the supervision of the veterinarian and the sanitation officials. Observation periods must be not less than four months for dogs and cats and two months for bovines, equines, pigs, sheep and goats. During the period of observation equines and bovines may be put to work providing measures are taken to prevent persons from becoming infected. Bovines, equines, pigs, sheep and goats under observation will not be removed without permission which may only be granted where the need is acute. Sanitation authorities will ensure that the prescribed period of observation is undergone.

Art. 52 - When an animal suspected of rabies dies or is killed the prescribed examination will be carried out.

- (c) Watch dogs can be kept without being muzzled only within the limits of the places which they are to guard, and sheep dogs and hunting dogs, when they are respectively utilized for the guarding of herds and hunting.

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Art. 52 - When an animal suspected of rabies dies or is killed the prescribed examination will be carried out.

Art. 53 - In countries where cases of rabies have been found or where an infected dog has run free the following additional measures must be taken:

- (a) During the six weeks following discovery dogs, even if muzzled, cannot circulate unless led on a leash.
- (b) Seized dogs will not be returned to their owners unless a favourable result is obtained from the period of observation prescribed in Art. 51.

237/8 24 Apr 44 Recd
C.A. Br
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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394
ADMINISTRATION SECTION

ACC/3008/PH.

23 Apr 44.

SUBJECT : Control of Rabies.

TO : RCMG

- 1 Reference your 237/6 CA of 19 Apr 44.
- 2 The situation as to Rabies is considered to be serious. 15 cases of Rabid dogs have in the last two or three months come to the knowledge of our veterinary officers alone. This represents a small proportion of the whole and the position is likely to worsen during the summer.
- 3 The order is far from being drastic especially for a war territory; in many parts of the US a similar order is in force throughout the summer months. Muzzles can easily be improvised out of rope.
- 4 A serious outbreak is to be feared unless control is established.
- 5 A meeting of all Veterinary officers in Italy including those of the Italian Govt, the 5th Army and PBS was held in Naples on the 28 Mar 44. The meeting was of opinion that this problem was one of the most urgent of all those that faced them. The Vet. officers of the 5th Army and of the PBS were among those who asked for the establishment of control. On this point please see para 8 of the report of the Chief Vet. officer of the ACC for the month of March which is appended to the report of the DPH for that month.
- 6 If preferred the word immediately may be omitted from para 5(1) but it must be realized
 - (a) that neither money nor food is available for feeding impounded dogs, and
 - (b) that the handing back of dogs to their owners after they have been impounded cannot possibly be permitted.
- 7 With regard to the last lines of your letter it is submitted
 - (a) that the proper authority to consider the evidence as to the danger from Rabies is ~~yourself~~ ^{V.P.} on the advice of the Public Health Sub Commission,
 - (b) that the order is not "drastic",
 - (c) that it is not "nearly unenforceable".

R. L. Bippes 1701.

STANGLATE,
VP Adm Sec.

(Signed in absence of day) 2066

HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.O. & M.C. SECTION
APO 394

Ref/257/6/CA

19 April 1944

SUBJECT: Control of Rabies.

TO : V.P. Admin. Section.

1. Reference your AGC/3008/PH of 15 April 1944 enclosing a draft Executive Memorandum to supersede Executive Memorandum No. 3 which contains the current instructions on this subject.

2. It is requested that this Section be informed whether or not this matter has been coordinated with Hq. No. 2 District, Hq. F.B.S., and Hq. A.A.I. without whose help the enforcement of para. 5(1) of the draft memorandum will be impossible.

3. At the same time this Section would appreciate if further consideration be given to the general question of the desirability of altering the existing instructions as contained in Executive Memorandum No. 3. It is felt that even with the help of No. 2 District and F.B.S. the enforcement of para. 5 (1) of the draft memorandum will be extremely difficult in a town of the size of Naples and this Section would like more evidence that the rabies danger justifies such a drastic and nearly unenforceable order.

[Signature]
NORMAN E. FISKE
Colonel
Deputy Executive
Commissioner

[Handwritten initials]

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REAR HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 894
ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION

15 APR 1944

C. R. Br.

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ACC/3008/PH

15 Apr 44

SUBJECT : Control of Rabies.

TO : RCM Sec

- 1 The Public Health and Public Safety Sub Commissions have recommended the immediate enforcement of rigid rabies control measures as the incidence of rabies in dogs has increased considerably within the past two months. Unless steps are taken to control this disease the consequences to both military and civilian personnel may be serious.
- 2 It is requested that the inclosed draft memorandum with Appendix "A" be approved and circulated as indicated under "Distribution".

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STANSGATE,
VP Adm Sec.

HEADQUARTERS
ARMED CONTROL COMMISSION
AND 294

Ref/

5 April 1944

EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM

NUMBER

CONTROL OF DOGS

1. This supersedes Executive Memorandum No. 3, this Headquarters, 7 February 1944.

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3. The Italian Minister of the Interior has issued an instruction to all Prefetti under the jurisdiction of the Italian Government as in appendix "A", attached.

4. The Prefetti in AMG provinces will be instructed to take immediate action regarding this most urgent problem.

5. All communes in AMG territory will be treated as infected areas. Stray dogs will be handled as follows:

- (1) All dogs other than those on a leash or with muzzle, found circulating, will be impounded and destroyed ~~immediately~~;
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By Command of Lieut. General EUGEN MACFARLANE:

M. L. Blad, Brigadier
Executive Commissioner

Incl:

Ltr and Translation thereof of Minister of Int. Dated 31 March 1944
Appendix "A".

DISTRIBUTION:

AMG, HQ

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HQ, AMG 5th Army

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CONTROL OF RABIES.

APPENDIX "A"

Extract from Decrees dated 10 May 1914.

(Plinia Veterinaria e Vigilanza Zootecnica (1939) Par. 4 Rabies 24)

Art. 48 - In every community the following regulations are to be observed:-

(a) Dogs must be registered by the owners at the municipal office.

(b) In the streets and in any other public place dogs, when not on a leash must be muzzled.

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Ministero dell'Interno

N. 5/ 1341/San.

Risposta alla lettera

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del

OGGETTO

Prevalenza rabbia.

Salerno, 31 Maggio / 1944

ALLE LL. EE. I PREFETTI DI
 AGRIGENTO=BARI=BRINDISI=CAULIARI
 CALTANISSETTA-CATANIA-CATANZARO
 COSENZA=ENNA=LECCE=MATERA=MESSINA
 NUORO=PALERMO=POTENZA=RAGUSA
 REGGIO CALABRIA=SALERNO=SASSARI
 SIRACUSA=TARANTO=TRAPANI.

e p.c. ALLE LL. EE. I PREFETTI DI

AVELLINO=BENEVENTO=CAMPOTASSO
 POGGIA= NAPOLI.

In questi ultimi mesi, a seguito del dimi-
 nuite rigere dell'applicazione delle apposite misure profilattiche,
 che, dirette ed indirette, contro la infezione in oggetto, è stata
 osservata un aumento delle morsicature, nonché dei casi di rabbia
 conclamata, sia nelle province in indirizzo, sia in quelle ammi-
 nistrate attualmente dal Governo Militare Alleato, come segnala-
 te dalla Commissione Alleata di Centelle.

Questo Ministero ravvisa pertanto la necessità
 che V.E. predisponga un'apposita ordinanza per meglio assicurare
 in tutte il territorio di cotea provinciale l'esecuzione del
 disposte degli art. 48 e seguenti del Regolamento di Polizia

CALTANISSETTA-CATANIA-CATANZARO
COSENZA-ENNA-LECCE-MATERA-MESSINA
NUORO-PALERMO-POTENZA-RAGUSA
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SIRACUSA-TARANTO-TRAPANI.

e p.c. ALLE M.E. I PREFETTI DI

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FOGGIA-NAPOLI.

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disposte degli art. 45 e seguenti del Regolamento di Polizia
Veterinaria 10 maggio 1914 n. 503 con speciale riguardo alle di-
spesizioni di cui all'art. 53.

In modo particolare dovrà insistersi per la
più completa applicazione delle norme sulla registrazione dei
cani presso i singoli Uffici Comunali e per la cattura dei cani
randagi.



Ministero dell'Interno

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Risposta alla lettera

N. del

OGGETTO

Codeste Veterinarie Provinciali compirà frequentemente sopralluoghi per controllare l'effettiva esecuzione delle suaccennate misure di polizia veterinaria; sarà inoltre suo compito compilare per ogni caso accertato di infezione rabbica una dettagliata relazione, copia della quale sarà fatta tenere a questo Ministero.

Sarà anche costante cura del Veterinario Provinciale di mantenersi a contatto con l'Ufficiale Regionale per la Salute Pubblica (R.P.H.O.) il quale verrà premurato dalla Commissione Allentea di Controllo a dare ogni possibile appoggio al predetto funzionario nella sua azione di profilassi contro questa temibile zoonosi.

Questo Ministero gradirà ricevere una copia dell'ordinanza di cui sopra, nonché una dettagliata relazione sulle attuali condizioni del servizio di accalappiamento cani in questa provincia e sui provvedimenti intesi a migliorarle nelle ulteriori presieque di tempo.

Si prega inoltre di provvedere perché, nell'avvenire, di ogni caso di rabbia accertata nel territorio di questa provincia sia data immediata notizia a questo Ministero.

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Si prega inoltre di provvedere perché, nell'avvenire, di ogni caso di rabbia accertata nel territorio di testa provincia sia data immediata notizia a questo Ministero con telegramma e con biglietto urgente di Stato.

Si attende assicurazione.

PEL MINISTRO

P.to Capasso

P. C. C.

Gi. Marchi

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HEADQUARTERS
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
APO 394

Ref/15/2/CA

7 February 1944

EXECUTIVE MEMORANDUM

NUMBER 3

CONTROL OF RABIES

1. It has been reported that a comparatively high incidence of rabies exists in dogs and cats on the Italian mainland. The consequences to both the civil and military populations may be serious. The spread of this disease must therefore be arrested.
2. Immediate steps must be taken to make effective the provisions of the existing Italian decrees relating to the registration of dogs, and the measures to be taken in the case of an outbreak of rabies. The main provisions of the decrees are reproduced for information, (Schedule "A").
3. It is the duty of the Veterinario Provinciale, assisted by the communal veterinarians and the police agencies, to enforce the provisions of these decrees.
4. Regional Commissioners will ensure that the authorities named act promptly and with diligence in this matter. Veterinarians will be empowered to employ dog catchers to assist them in the same manner as they did under the Italian Government.
5. Special attention will be given in the communes of:

Salerno	Cosenza	Catanzaro
Naples	Matera	Reggio
6. Monthly progress reports will in future include a report covering action taken on this memorandum.

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CONTROL OF RABIESSCHEDULE "A"

Extract from Decree dated 10 May 1911.

(Plinia Veterinaria e Vigilanza Zootetica (1939) Par. 1 Rabies 2h).

Art. 48 - In every community the following regulations are to be observed:-

(a) Dogs must be registered by the owners at the municipal office.

(b) In the streets and in any other public place dogs, when not on a leash must be muzzled.

(c) Watch dogs can be kept without being muzzled only within the limits of the places which they are to guard, and sheep dogs and hunting dogs, when they are respectively utilized for the guarding of herds and hunting.

Art. 49 - Stray dogs, found without a muzzle, must be caught and placed in a proper place of detention. After 5 days, if their owners have not claimed them, the seized dogs, with the exception of those mentioned in Articles 50 & 51, must be killed or turned over to any scientific institution, which may request them.

Art. 50 - Any animal found to be suffering from rabies will be killed immediately and the corpse disposed of in the manner prescribed, skinning being prohibited. The place where the animal was found will be disinfected. All animals, bitten by another animal known or suspected to be suffering from rabies, will be killed or isolated under terms of Art. 51. Dogs and cats which have bitten persons will, whenever possible, be caught and placed under observation under the supervision of the local authorities, for a period of time required to enable the veterinarian to establish whether or not they are suffering from rabies.

Art. 51 - Dogs, cats and other animals suspected of rabies and those bitten by animals suspected of rabies, if they are not killed, must be isolated, in suitable premises, at the owner's expense, and kept under observation under the supervision of the veterinarian and the sanitation official. Observation periods must be not less than four months for dogs and cats and two months for bovines, equines, pigs, sheep and goats. During the period of observation equines and bovines may be put to work providing measures are taken to prevent persons from becoming infected. Bovines, equines, pigs, sheep and goats under observation will not be moved without permission which may only be granted where the need is acute. Sanitation authorities will ensure that the prescribed period of observation is undergone.

Art. 52 - When an animal suspected of rabies dies or is killed the prescribed examination will be carried out.

Art. 53 - In community where cases of rabies have been found or where an infected dog has run free the following additional measures must be taken:-

(a) During the six weeks following discovery, dogs, even if muzzled, cannot circulate unless led on leash.

(b) Seized dogs will not be returned to their owners unless a favourable result is obtained from the period of observation prescribed in Art. 51.

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