

Bino, Buboy and Bantay, True Friends



For the Teacher/Parent:

The story “Bino, Buboy and Bantay, True Friends” was written to teach children about proper care and handling of animals to prevent animal bites. The story also aims to teach children the importance of informing an adult if they are bitten by dogs or cats, for immediate medical care and rabies prevention.

Rabies is a deadly disease caused by a virus. It is usually transmitted by animals to humans through the bite of dogs and cats infected with rabies. Other routes of transmission are through introduction of rabies-infected saliva into fresh wounds, scratches and body parts with mucous membranes such as the nose, eyes and mouth.

Children are particularly at risk because of their size and activities. Rabies cannot be treated but it is 100% preventable, by vaccinating dogs and cats against rabies at three months of age and every year thereafter.

If bitten by a dog or cat, the following should be done:

1. Wash the wound immediately with soap and running water for 15 minutes.
2. Apply iodine or an antiseptic if available.
3. Go to the nearest doctor or clinic.

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One day, a beautiful surprise is waiting for Bino from his parents.

“Wow, a puppy! I will call him Bantay. Thank you, Father. Thank you, Mother,” Bino said.



Bino loves Bantay very much. He feeds and plays with him every day.



One Saturday morning, Bino asked his mother for permission to take Bantay to the playground.

“Yes Bino, you can take Bantay. Make sure you don’t let him wander off,” his mother instructed.



Bino played happily with Bantay and another friend named Buboy.



After playing, Bino and Buboy fed the puppy. While Bantay was eating, Buboy suddenly picked Bantay up.

“Ouch! Bantay bit me,” Buboy exclaimed.



The three hurried to Buboy's home.

They told Buboy's mother about the bite.

She washed the wound immediately with soap and running water for 15 minutes.

"We should go to the clinic to see the doctor," she said.



At the clinic...

Buboy was given an anti-rabies vaccination.

“Children, you did a good thing by telling your mother straight away that Buboy was bitten by the puppy,” the doctor said.

“It was also good that your mother washed the wound with soap and clean water, and brought Buboy here straight away for an anti-rabies vaccination.” she added. “Don’t forget, Buboy will need to come in for more vaccinations to make sure he’s fully protected.”



“Always remember, we need to take good care of our pets, giving them good food, exercise and companionship. Do not disturb an animal that is sleeping or eating, as this may cause them to bite,” the doctor reminded them.

“If you are bitten by a dog, observe the dog for 14 days and consult a veterinarian,” the doctor added.



Since then, they never disturb Bantay when he is eating or sleeping.

Bino and Buboy have become responsible friends to Bantay.

Bino considers Bantay one of his true friends.

10 Essential Things You Should Know about Rabies

1. Vaccinate your dogs and cats against rabies every year.
2. Take good care of your pets. Give them enough food, exercise, companionship and a safe place to stay.
3. Do not let your pet dogs and cats roam freely in the streets and other public places.
4. Do not mistreat dogs and cats. Do not kick them, pull their tails or throw stones at them.
5. Stay away from stray dogs and cats. Do not bother your pet dogs and cats when they are sleeping, eating or feeding their young.
6. If bitten, wash the wound immediately with soap and running water.
7. Immediately tell an adult (parent, teacher, guardian) about the bite and ask them to take you to a clinic or doctor.
8. Remember that people can get rabies from the saliva (from a bite or scratch) of a rabid dog or cat.
9. Rabies kills.
10. Rabies can be prevented by having your pet dogs and cats vaccinated.

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Early Childhood intervention

Dog and cat bites usually involve children. Because of this, the Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC) initiated the Early Childhood Intervention Program or ECI.

ECI aims to educate children, usually 3-5 years of age, at day care centers about proper care and handling of animals to prevent bites. Also, it aims to teach children to inform parents or adults if they are bitten or scratched by dogs and cats. The parents of the day care children are also educated about rabies, responsible pet ownership and animal bite management.

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GARC is a non-profit organization that works to eliminate deaths from canine rabies by 2030. This book is published by GARC in partnership with the UBS Optimus Foundation, to increase awareness in the community to prevent rabies deaths.

For additional information, please visit the GARC website: www.rabiesalliance.org.