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PUBLIC ADVISORY

In relation to the recently reported cases of Monkeypox in the United States, Canada and United Kingdom, the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources assures the public that there have been no reported cases of Monkeypox in any species of animals in the Philippines.

The BMB is in constant coordination with the Department of Health (DOH) and Department of Agriculture – Bureau of Animal Industry (DA-BAI) to ensure the safety of humans and animals from this contagious disease. The DENR is also safeguarding our international airports and seaports to make sure that all animals entering the Philippines have the proper Veterinary Health Clearance issued by the Bureau of Animal Industry and are free from zoonotic diseases similar to Monkeypox. Rest assured that the BMB, together with the DENR Regional and Field Offices will continue to monitor to prevent further spread of zoonotic diseases in the Philippines by strict regulation of trade, transport and possession of animals.

For wildlife permittees that are in custody of susceptible animals, like macaques and rodents, you are strictly advised to continue implementing Good Animal Husbandry Practices (GAHP) and strict biosecurity measures in your facilities. Always wash your hands after being in contact with the animals.

Any knowledge/information on sudden unexplainable deaths or illness among wild animals in your custody should immediately be reported to the Biodiversity Management Bureau through email at wrd@bmb.gov.ph or telephone number (02) 89258946.


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