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MEMORANDUM FROM Branch Chief, Veterinary services, Ft. Huachuca, AZ

MEMORANDUM THRU Garrison Commander, Ft. Huachuca, AZ *WMS*

MEMORANDUM THRU Provost Marshal, Ft. Huachuca, AZ *TEA*

MEMORANDUM THRU Chief Preventative Medicine, Raymond W. Bliss Army Medical Center, Ft. Huachuca, AZ *RWS*

MEMORANDUM THRU Administrative Law, Staff Judge Advocate, Ft. Huachuca, AZ *WMS*

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, USAIC and Ft. Huachuca, AZ

SUBJECT: Executive Summary for Update of Ft. Huachuca Regulation 40-116, Control and Care of Pets, Horses and Transient Animals

1. The impetus for the changes made to this regulation originated from complaints received by the military police about the habitat that is required for pets housed on the post. The regulation as currently written is overly rigid and does not give enough latitude to officials of this post to determine adequacy of living conditions. For example, a plastic dog house with an internal temperature of over 150^oF and no other shade available complies with the current regulation but is not a healthy environment for animals living outside in southern Arizona. The revision of this regulation requires a "healthy and humane environment" with final determination to be made by the post's veterinary services.
2. The second major modification in this regulation changes the responsibility of the stray facility from the veterinary services to the garrison commander/military police. This change reflects the reality on the ground and brings the post regulation in compliance with AR 40-905.
3. The final significant change to the regulation updates the intervals between certain vaccines. These adjustments reflect current changes in technology, vaccines licensing standards and standards of practice.
4. Point of contact for this action is the undersigned at (520) 533-0471.

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SUMMARY of CHANGE

FH REG 40-116

Control and Care of Pets, Horses and Transient Animals

This major revision dated, 5 May 2008—

- Revises the latitude for officials to determine adequacy of living conditions for pets
- Changes the responsibility of the stray facility from the veterinary services to the Garrison commander/Military Police
- Revises the intervals between certain vaccines to reflect changes in technology, vaccines licensing standards and standards of practice

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Medical Services

CONTROL AND CARE OF PETS, HORSES, AND TRANSIENT ANIMALS

Summary. This revised regulation prescribes policies and procedures for animal control and care on Fort Huachuca.

Applicability. This regulation is applicable to all elements of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca (USAIC&FH) and partner activities, including residents and visitors. Military Working Dogs and other dogs used in law enforcement are exempt from this entire regulation except paragraph 13.

Supplementation. Supplementation of this regulation is prohibited, except upon approval by Director of Health Services.

Suggested Improvements. The proponent of this regulation is the Director of Health Services (DHS). Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) to Commander, USAIC&FH, ATTN: MCVS-GPC-H, Fort Huachuca, AZ 85613-6000.

Availability. This publication is available solely on the Fort Huachuca Homepage at <http://huachuca-www.army.mil>.

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1. Purpose.

This regulation establishes procedures and prescribes policies concerning care, possession, and control of animals kept on this installation. Animal possession and control requirements not covered by this regulation will be forwarded to the Chief, Veterinary Services.

2. References.

Referenced and required publications and forms are available at <http://huachuca-www.army.mil> and higher echelon forms are available at <http://usapa.army.mil>

a. Required publications.

(1) AR 40-905, Veterinary Health Services.

(2) Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control, National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, Inc.

(3) Title 40, S. Code, Section 291,

b. Related publications.

(1) AR 40-3, Medical, Dental, and Veterinary Care.

(2) State and Federal Health Requirements and Regulations.

(3) Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations.

c. Referenced Forms.

(1) DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms).

(2) Veterinary Service Form 10-11 (U.S. Department of Agriculture Equine Infectious Anemia Laboratory Report).

3. Explanation of abbreviations and terms.

Abbreviations and terms used in this regulation are explained in the glossary.

4. Responsibilities.

a. The Chief, Veterinary Services

(1) Is responsible for the overall control and operation of the Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF).

(2) Is responsible for providing veterinary health services as prescribed by AR 40-905, this regulation, and Veterinary Command directives.

(3) Will quarantine animals involved in bite cases per Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control.

(4) Will conduct animal disease prevention and control programs to protect personnel, Government-owned animals, and privately owned animals as authorized.

b. The Provost Marshal, Directorate of Emergency Services-

(1) Will enforce the applicable requirements of this regulation.

(2) Will assist the local municipalities in responding to animal control complaints and act upon reported violations of the regulation.

(3) Will assist in enforcing quarantines when requested by the Veterinary Services.

(4) Will forward a copy of all requests for assistance to the municipality with a current MOU for animal control on Ft. Huachuca.

(5) Will operate an animal impoundment facility to hold animals impounded by the Fort Huachuca Military Police or City of Sierra Vista (a representative of the Sierra Vista Animal Control Bureau) as deemed by Commander, United States Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca.

a. The requests for assistance should indicate the following:

1. Who made the request
2. The person's address and telephone number
3. What is their request
4. Any additional information that is available

c. The City of Sierra Vista Animal Control or other municipality with a current MOU for animal control on Ft. Huachuca –

(1) Will respond to loose stray dog complaints and impound loose/stray animals during their normal duty hours as needed by military police/provost marshal.

(2) Will transport all impounded animals to the stray facility in coordination with Military Police/Provost Marshal.

(3) Will respond to and transport all sick or injured stray domestic small animals to the VTF.

(4) Will assist the Military Police/Provost Marshal with domestic animal cruelty/neglect complaints involving dogs or cats.

(5) Will assist with all animals posing a threat to the public's health or welfare and all animal emergency situations. The municipality with a current MOU will be available to these situations 24 hours a day.

(6) Will provide appropriate documentation to support action taken by the Military Police/Provost Marshal on any violations of this regulation where animal control assisted.

d. All personnel owning or sponsoring animals on Fort Huachuca will--

- (1) Comply with all applicable provisions of this regulation.
- (2) Properly register, vaccinate, license and maintain their animals.
- (3) Provide care, shelter and control as defined by this regulation.

e. Bite and scratch victims.

(1) Individuals who are bitten or scratched by ANY animal must be immediately seen by medical staff and treated. During the normal duty day, victims will be seen in their assigned

clinic (Military Medicine Clinic, Department of Primary Care etc.). If they cannot accommodate a same day appointment, the victim needs to be seen at the Sierra Vista Regional Health Center Emergency Department (SVRHC ED). If the incident occurs after hours, the victim needs to be seen at SVRHC ED. The health care providers treating the victim are required to use information provided by the victim to report the incident to the appropriate officials i.e., Military Police or local animal control officer. All medical personnel at the US Army Medical Department Activity, Fort Huachuca must report the incident to Preventive Medicine Service as soon as possible IAW MEDDAC Memorandum 40-161, Rabies Prevention and Control Program. Preventive Medicine staff will work with all involved agencies and personnel to ensure all necessary actions have been taken and the disposition of the animal is ascertained.

(2) If the animal involved in the incident cannot be easily and safely apprehended, the victim should be ready to give a complete and accurate description of the animal, to include the name of the owner (if known), and location of the animal to the health care provider, VTF personnel or Military Police.

f. Operators of motor vehicles in accidents involving animals.

(1) Any person who, as the operator of a motor vehicle, strikes a domestic or wild animal must stop and render such assistance as may be possible without incurring injury to themselves.

(2) Immediately notify the Military Police. The Military Police will notify the animal's owner of the incident.

g. Buffalo Corral and Army Lodging Boarding Kennel.

(1) Representatives of Buffalo Corral will coordinate with the Veterinary Services on violations of the mandatory requirements in this regulation, to include vaccinations and care of equines stabled in the private mount area.

(2) Representatives of the boarding kennel will coordinate with the Veterinary Services on violations of the mandatory requirements in this regulation, to include vaccinations and care of animals boarded in the kennel.

h. The Directorate of Installation Support-

(1) Will aid in the burying of Government-owned equine animals when requested.

(2) Family Housing will provide information regarding ownership and control of pets in on-post housing.

(3) Family Housing will identify the number and type of animals permitted in Family Housing to individuals who sign for quarters.

i. Family care providers--

(1) Will have all animals maintained in the household examined for temperament and health status by the Veterinary Services prior to being certified and on a recurring basis as determined by the FCC, but annually at a minimum.

(2) All animals will be free of internal and external parasites and current on all vaccinations.

5. Policy for privately-owned animals.

a. All animals brought onto or kept on Fort Huachuca are included within the meaning of this regulation. Health, safety, and tranquility of the command make it necessary to impose certain limitations, restrictions, and prohibitions.

b. Maintaining an animal on this installation is a privilege and is dependent upon the owner or sponsor following this regulation and the animal's continuing ability to live harmoniously within the military community.

c. The Garrison Commander may withdraw animal keeping privileges or order removal of offending animals when the requirements of this regulation are violated.

6. Types of animals authorized.

a. Privately-owned domestic animals listed below are authorized to be kept on the installation within the restrictions contained herein:

(1) Domestic dogs (excluding hybrids)

(2) Domestic cats (excluding hybrids)

(3) Horses, mules, ponies, donkeys, but not in family quarters

(a) Intact male equines over 6 months of age will not be maintained on this installation without written consent of Veterinary Services.

(4) Small, caged animals (hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, aquarium fish, rabbits)

(5) Captive-bred species of common caged birds (excluding pigeons)

b. Wild animals or livestock other than equines, or any animal not listed above WILL NOT be kept on this installation.

c. Maintenance of privately-owned animals.

(1) Barracks and work areas

(a) Animals, except fish and small caged animals listed above, will not be kept in barracks, work areas, or other unit facilities. Fish and small caged animals will only be kept in barracks with the approval of the unit commander and Veterinary Services.

(b) A unit mascot may be kept in housing or work areas in an appropriate secure enclosure upon approval of the Garrison Commander and the Veterinary Services.

(2) Buffalo Corral.

(a) Privately-owned horses will be stabled at the private mount area and will not exceed the number authorized by Buffalo Corral and this regulation.

(b) No horses will be kept outside the permanent stalls assigned by Buffalo Corral, veterinary services quarantine/hospitalization area or authorized pasture.

d. Requests for exceptions to the above, except as noted, will be made in writing, with complete justification, to the Garrison Commander and the Installation Veterinarian.

7. Authorized services and reimbursements.

a. Government-owned animals.

(1) Complete veterinary care will be provided for Government-owned animals.

(2) The appropriate authority for Government-owned animals may authorize civilian veterinary care.

(3) Non-appropriated Fund Instrumentality (NAFI) owned animals (any animal used to generate NAFI income) will be provided veterinary services as Government-owned animals, IAW available time and resources. NAFIs owning animals will reimburse the veterinary NAFI for the cost of supplies used.

(4) Mascots established by orders signed by the first battalion level commander in the chain of command will be afforded the same support services and health surveillance as other Government animals.

b. Privately-owned animals.

(1) Veterinary services for privately-owned animals will be IAW AR 40-905, this regulation, and Veterinary Command directives and subject to the availability of personnel.

(2) Veterinary services (such as treatment, immunizations, and examinations) are authorized for animals owned by personnel who are military I.D. card holders.

(3) Animals maintained for commercial purposes, sale, or profit, such as breeding animals, are not authorized services.

(4) Animals owned by authorized personnel may be provided veterinary services for the prevention and control of diseases and conditions that may be transmissible to humans or animals or those disease(s) or conditions which may constitute a community health problem.

(5) Emergency procedures required to prevent undue suffering or to save the life or limb of the animal may be performed.

(6) Those veterinary procedures commonly recognized by the veterinary profession as cosmetic and elective surgery, to include surgical neutering, will be performed on privately-owned animals as time, personnel and resources allow.

(7) No boarding of privately-owned animals will be done at the VTF.

c. Reimbursement.

(1) Privately-owned animals will be cared for to the extent authorized by regulation, and availability of personnel, on a "cost plus" basis. Owners will pay for all fees generated by treatment of their animals. The cost plus is based on factors to compensate for purchase price of drugs, biologicals, and supplies and the cost plus will cover the shipping costs, breakage, deterioration of drugs, biologicals, and supplies.

(2) The "cost plus" will also provide for the cost of furnishings, improvement of facilities, salaries of required non-appropriated fund civilian support personnel, and equipment necessary to keep abreast of the current state-of-the-art veterinary care and associated expenses.

(3) A user's fee mandated by public law will be collected on each transaction.

8. Appointments and location of the VTF.

a. Appointments.

(1) Appointments are required (call 533-2767) for all services except bite cases.

(2) Bite cases should call first but normally can walk in Monday through Friday during operating hours.

(3) Small animal clinics are held several times weekly depending upon availability of personnel.

b. The VTF, building 30009, is located at the end of Hungerford Drive, off of Christy Avenue.

9. Registration of animals.

a. Dogs and cats.

(1) All dogs and cats maintained on this installation must be registered at the VTF within 5 working days after assignment of Government quarters or acquiring the animal(s). Caged birds and small mammals are exempt.

(2) The animal(s) must have current vaccinations IAW paragraph 10 of this regulation. The vaccination must have been given by the VTF or a licensed veterinarian.

(a) Proof of rabies vaccination must be presented in the form of a valid, current rabies vaccination certificate.

(b) Dogs and cats must be licensed with the City of Sierra Vista at the time of registration. The VTF will collect appropriate licensing fees.

(c) An animal health record will be established and the rabies (and any other) vaccination or treatment information will be recorded in the health record.

(d) A rabies tag and a license tag (for dogs) will be issued by the VTF; and this tag must be attached to the animal's collar and worn by the animal at all times, especially when the animal is outside. This tag will not knowingly be placed upon any other animal, unless reissued to that animal.

(3) All soldiers residing in post housing are required to have their pets microchipped within 30 days of acquisition of quarters. If the pets are already microchipped, proof must be provided to the Veterinary Services, Bldg 30009. If soldiers that reside on post have their animal seen by the post veterinarian for vaccination or sick-call appointments, the soldier will not be allowed to check out unless the pet is microchipped. Animals in the stray facility will not be released until the pet is microchipped

b. Equines.

(1) Equines maintained on the installation (to include horses, mules, ponies, donkeys) must be registered at the VTF.

(2) All pre-registration requirements of paragraph 17 must be met before admission to the installation.

(3) A quarantine period of at least 7 days is required.

(4) A health record will be established on each animal.

c. Change of ownership or death of an animal.

(1) In the event an animal registered at the VTF is sold or given away, the original owner will be held responsible until the animal is re-registered in the new owner's name or removed from the installation.

(2) The original owner is responsible for notifying the VTF of the change of ownership. The new owner's name and address must be supplied.

(3) The new owner must accompany the original owner to the VTF to change ownership of an animal.

(4) If the animal remains on the installation, the new owner must register the animal as outlined in this regulation.

(5) The personnel at the Ft. Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility will fax a copy of animal records to the City of Sierra Vista (fax # 452-7068) to inform them of the animal's change of owner.

(6) Death of an animal.

(a) If an animal dies, the owner will notify the VTF and the City of Sierra Vista so the record can be removed from the files.

(b) The owner or sponsor is responsible for the proper disposal of the animal's remains.

d. Transient animals.

(1) Authorized sponsors of animal shows, field trials, and other activities involving bringing animals onto the installation must notify the Veterinary Services 45 days prior to such event. The notification will include the number and species of animals and area of origin.

(2) If deemed necessary, it **WILL** be required that all transient animals be accompanied by--

(a) Written proof of all immunizations and reportable disease testing (e.g., Equine Infectious Anemia) required by paragraphs 10 and 17 of this regulation.

(b) A certificate of health signed by a veterinarian dated within 10 days of entry onto this installation indicating the animal(s) is (are) free of any signs of communicable or infectious disease.

(3) When there is a question as to the health of a transient animal, the Veterinary Service must be notified. The Veterinarian will have the authority to deny entry or cause removal from the installation of any animal determined to be a threat to the health or safety of persons or other animals on this installation.

(4) Animals on the installation belonging to guests of military personnel are the responsibility of the guest's sponsor, and this sponsor will ensure the animal does not present a threat to the health or safety of other persons or animals on the installation and that the principles of this regulation are followed. If the guest's animal will be residing on this installation for a period greater than 14 days, that animal must be registered under the guest's sponsor with the VTF. ANY Equine coming onto post must be quarantined at the VTF even if it belongs to a guest of military personnel.

10. Vaccination of small animals.

a. Canids (dogs).

(1) All dogs residing on post are required to have the following vaccinations:

(a) Rabies, with the initial vaccination at 3 months of age and revaccination at 1 year from the initial vaccination and every 1-3 years thereafter depending on the vaccine used. At the time of rabies vaccination, dogs will be registered at the VTF with a City of Sierra Vista dog license.

(b) Distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus, and parainfluenza plus or minus leptospirosis with the initial vaccination at 7 to 8 weeks of age; second at 10 to 11 weeks of age; third at 13 to 14 weeks of age; and fourth, if needed, at 16 to 17 weeks of age. Revaccinate every 1-3 years depending on the vaccine used and the lifestyle of the animal. Parvovirus can be given at 6 weeks.

(2) Required for boarding: Bordetella bronchiseptica/Canine adenovirus ("Kennel cough") every 6 months to annually depending on the vaccine used.

b. Felids (cats).

(1) All cats residing on post are required to have the following vaccinations:

(a) Rabies, with the initial vaccination at 3 months of age and revaccination at 1 year from the initial vaccination and every 1-3 years thereafter depending on the vaccine used. Cats will receive an I.D. tag at the time of rabies vaccination.

(b) Rhinotracheitis, calici, panleukopenia, and chlamydia with the initial vaccination at 8 to 9 weeks of age; second at 12 to 13 weeks of age; third at 16 to 17 weeks of age; and revaccinate every year.

(2) Recommended for outdoor cats or indoor/outdoor cats: Leukemia (after testing for the virus). Initial vaccination at 12 weeks or older; second 3 to 4 weeks after the first; and revaccinate every 1-3 years depending on the vaccine used.

c. Other animals. Vaccinate all other small animals per current guidelines, regulations, existing standards of the veterinary profession, or as determined by the Veterinary Service.

11. Responsibilities of animal owners.

a. Care.

(1) No owner shall fail to provide his or her animal(s) with--

(a) Sufficient nutritious, wholesome food and clean, potable water at all times.

(b) Proper shelter (dog house) and protection from the weather. The shelter must be removable and provide minimal shelter space from the elements. **It must provide-protection from the sun, rain, snow, wind and cold, and from any weather conditions that may occur.** It must be large enough to allow the animal to enter, stand, turn around, and lie down in a natural manner. **The shelter must be of a quality and design to afford a healthy and humane environment for the animals it is intended to house.** Final determination as to the adequacy of the shelter provided will be made by the Ft. Huachuca veterinary services in coordination with military police. **Failure** to do so will result in a citation and possible impoundment of the animal(s).

(c) Veterinary medical care for debilitating injuries, parasites and diseases sufficient to maintain the animal in good health and minimize suffering.

(2) Owners will comply with the mandatory vaccination requirements listed in paragraph 10, as applicable.

b. Control.

(1) Owners of animals on this installation are responsible for the actions of their animals and will ensure that the following control measures, at a minimum, are taken:

(a) All animals will be under restraint at all times in such a manner to prevent them from becoming a nuisance or menace to other persons, animals, or property on this installation.

(b) Animals will not make excessively disturbing noises, including, but not limited to, continued and repeated howling, barking, whining, or other utterances causing unreasonable annoyance, disturbance, or discomfort to neighbors or others in close proximity to the premises where the animal is kept or harbored.

(c) Animals will not be restrained in any way that could cause the animal to choke or get injured, or any way that restricts access to food, water, and shelter. Animals must not be tied to any stationary object for extended periods of time.

(d) Animals will not be left unattended in a vehicle or other enclosed space where the temperature is either so high or low or the ventilation is so inadequate as to endanger the animal's life or health. The Military Police are authorized to use whatever force is reasonable and necessary to remove any animal from a vehicle or other enclosure.

(e) The Military Police or City of Sierra Vista is authorized to remove and impound any animal in a life-threatening situation.

(f) Premises, enclosures, or surroundings where an animal is kept or harbored will be maintained in a sanitary condition to prevent fouling of the air and insect problems. Waste and feces shall be removed daily.

(g) Animals will not be permitted to run at large. When outside, an animal will be on a hand-held leash at all times, unless in an adequately fenced residential yard.

(h) Outside housing for animals in family quarters will be portable and removed when the quarters are cleared. Dog houses and/or runs should be moved periodically to prevent damage to the area.

(i) Female animals in heat will be confined in a building or secure enclosure in such a manner that the female animal cannot come into contact with other animals except in planned breeding.

(j) Dogs and cats impounded for owner's failure to maintain control will be micro-chipped at owners expense prior to release.

(k) Failure to comply with these requirements for care will result in the issuance of a citation by Military Police. Repeated offenses will result in the loss of animal keeping privileges by order of the Garrison Commander.

(2) The owner or sponsor of an animal shall be responsible for the removal of any excreta (body waste) deposited by his or her animal(s) on public roads and walks, recreation areas, or yards.

(3) The owner or sponsor of an animal kept or harbored on this installation is responsible for any and all damages to government or private property caused by his or her animal(s).

(4) Failure to comply with these requirements will result in the issuance of a citation by Military Police. Repeated offenses will result in the loss of animal keeping privileges by order of the Garrison Commander.

c. Public areas and transient quarters.

(1) To prevent the contamination of soil by animal feces or urine and possible transmission of parasitic diseases to humans, the following areas are "**OFF LIMITS**" to animals at all times: playgrounds; school yards; golf courses; and swimming pool enclosures.

(2) To prevent possible injury to joggers (from bites and tripping over animals) and unsanitary conditions resulting from animal feces, animals are not permitted on jogging trails or authorized physical training routes during organized runs or during PT hours (0530 – 0700 M-F).

(3) Animals are not permitted at community events where crowds will be present with the exception of B-Troop ceremonial horses and military working dogs in the performance of their duties.

(4) Animals are not permitted in public buildings except those designed for their use or care. Government-owned or contracted animals in the performance of their duties are exempt.

(5) For certified animals aiding the handicapped, an exception may be made for those areas as authorized by public law. Title 40, S. Code, Section 291, allows these animals to go anywhere their owners are authorized as long as they are under control.

(6) Dogs and cats are permitted in the pet-rooms of the Holman House Army Lodging facility. These animals are permitted only overnight in other specific Army Lodging facilities and must be boarded in a kennel the next morning. Temporary kennel facilities for boarding are available at off-post locations.

d. Disposition of animals.

(1) The privilege of keeping an animal on this installation carries with it the responsibility to supply proper care for the animal and to effect proper disposition of the animal when the owner or sponsor departs this installation or no longer wants or can keep the animal.

(2) Proper disposition of an animal entails finding it a new home either on or off post.

(3) Personnel who have animals registered on this installation and who are departing it permanently must clear through the VTF and pick up the animal's health records. If the animal has a City of Sierra Vista license, the owner will provide a forwarding address or point of

contact. City of Sierra Vista licensing information is Supervisor Animal Control, 6799 East Highway 90, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635, Tel: 520-458-4151.

(4) Under no circumstances will owners or sponsors abandon animals. Abandonment includes failure to claim animals that have been impounded as strays. Personnel who attempt to abandon animals are responsible for all costs until they claim their animals and are subject to administrative action and criminal charges being filed.

(5) Change of ownership is covered in paragraph 9c.

e. Disease outbreak. In the event of a disease outbreak on or near Fort Huachuca all animal owners will abide by any emergency precautions and quarantine procedures required by federal or state agencies, or any other health agencies, as well as those required by regulation or the Chief, Veterinary Service.

f. Missing animals.

(1) The owner or sponsor who is missing an animal is responsible for contacting and physically checking with the Ft. Huachuca Military Police (533-2181) and the City of Sierra Vista Animal Control to determine if their animal has been impounded.

(2) Searches for missing or stray animals will not be conducted in training, testing, or range areas until authorized by Range Control.

12. Actions concerning violations.

a. Impoundment and citations.

(1) Animals can be impounded by Military Police or the City of Sierra Vista, and/or a citation can be issued to owners or sponsors for failing to comply with any requirements of this regulation.

(2) Other individuals may call the military police for impoundment during normal duty hours.

(3) Once an animal is impounded it will not be released to the owner until the requirements of paragraphs 9, 10, and/or 11 are met.

b. Unclaimed animals.

(1) Animals will be impounded at the Ft. Huachuca stray facility.

(2) Reasonable efforts will be taken by personnel to identify and locate the owner.

(3) Unclaimed animals will be kept for 3 working days. After the third working day, the animal is considered abandoned and will be turned over to the City of Sierra Vista animal control or other municipal animal control facility possessing a current MOU with Ft. Huachuca. After 3 working days, unclaimed animals become the property of the government.

(4) Animals that are sick or so injured that medical treatment, as determined by the veterinarian, is not feasible will be euthanized to prevent further suffering.

c. Release of animals from impoundment.

(1) Owners or sponsors may obtain the release of impounded animals by reporting to the Ft. Huachuca stray facility during its normal working hours of operation.

(2) There will be a daily impoundment fee assessed. Once owners are notified that their animal has been impounded and the owner fails to pick up the animal that day, the daily impoundment fee increases.

(3) Impounded animals will not be released without proof of current vaccinations and licensing as defined in paragraph 10 of this regulation. If proof is not available, the animal must be vaccinated, at the owner or sponsor's expense, prior to its release.

d. Suspension of animal keeping privileges.

(1) The owner or sponsor may be directed to remove an animal immediately and permanently from the installation regardless of the animal's past history when an animal--

(a) Creates a nuisance.

(b) Poses a menace or is determined to be a dangerous/vicious animal.

(c) Is neglected and/or the owner or sponsor otherwise shows a lack of responsibility.

(2) The Military Police or Chief, Veterinary Services, may recommend immediate suspension of animal keeping privileges at any time there is evidence the owner or sponsor has failed to exercise proper care of or responsibility for the animal, or if the animal is deemed unsuitable for community living on post. In such cases, no warning letters will be sent; but the owner or sponsor will be provided an opportunity to respond prior to final revocation. When Military Police deem necessary, the animal may be impounded at the Ft. Huachuca stray facility during the reply period. The Garrison Commander will make the final decision as to suspension of animal keeping privileges or removal of animals from the installation.

13. Animal bites and scratches on humans.

a. The owner or sponsor of an animal, which has been identified as the animal involved in a bite or scratch incident, will comply fully with the quarantine or rabies control procedures set forth in AR 40-905, the Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control, and local veterinary policy.

(1) Animals quarantined will be released to the owner or sponsor at the end of the quarantine period if the animal is determined by a veterinarian to be free of rabies.

(2) At the beginning of the quarantine period, the owner or sponsor will receive written notification of the release date from VTF personnel.

(3) Animals not claimed within 3 working days of the release date will be considered abandoned.

(4) Animals for which there is no known owner will be euthanized, and appropriate specimens will be sent to the laboratory for examination.

(5) Animals that have bitten or scratched a person and subsequently die must be delivered IMMEDIATELY to the VTF in order to initiate laboratory examination for rabies.

(6) The owner or sponsor of an animal involved in a serious biting incident or more than one incident may be told in writing by the Garrison Commander to remove that animal from the installation. This may be waived if it can be shown the bites were provoked.

b. Impoundment of Privately-Owned pets

(1) Military Police or the City of Sierra Vista will apprehend and impound any animal involved in a bite or scratch incident on Fort Huachuca when the animal's owner or sponsor is not known, cannot be located, or refuses to follow the quarantine procedures. Military Police or the City of Sierra Vista can use a tranquilizer gun and/or lethal force on animals if needed to protect themselves and/or the public.

(2) Impoundment of an animal by Military Police or City of Sierra Vista involved in a bite or scratch incident will be paid at government expense for the duration of the investigative period. At the end of the investigative period, Military Police will notify the owner as to the outcome of the case of the impounded animal. Any days the animal is left at the stray facility following notification will be at owner's expense, and a daily impoundment fee will accrue.

(3) Animals left more than 3 working days from the end of the investigative or quarantine period will be considered abandoned and will be disposed of at the discretion of the Installation Veterinarian.

14. Procedures to declare an animal dangerous/vicious.

a. The Installation Veterinarian, or authorized representative, and the Provost Marshal have the authority to declare an animal dangerous/vicious. The authorities will consider-

(1) The animal's previous history of biting or causing injury (one prior bite incident is sufficient to declare an animal dangerous).

(2) The nature and extent of the injuries inflicted and the number of people and/or animals involved.

(3) Whether the animal exhibits characteristics of being trained for fighting or attack.

(4) Whether the animal exhibits characteristics of aggressive or unpredictable temperament in the presence of human beings or other animals.

(5) The manner in which the animal has been maintained by the owner or sponsor, to include evidence concerning the maintenance of the animal and regarding the ability of the owner or sponsor and of the authorities to protect the public safety in the future if the animal is permitted to remain on the installation.

b. Impoundment.

(1) The Military Police and the City of Sierra Vista have the authority to impound an animal if it is determined that it is necessary to protect the public or during the time the administrative process is ongoing.

(2) At the discretion of the authorities, the owner or sponsor may impound the animal at an approved facility off the installation at the owner's own expense.

(3) Authorities impounding the animal will take whatever precautions needed to protect themselves, their employees, and the public.

c. Actions required if animal is declared dangerous/vicious

(1) If an animal is declared dangerous/vicious, then--

(a) The Garrison Commander, USAIC&FH, Fort Huachuca may require the owner or sponsor to remove the animal from the installation. The owner may have the animal euthanized at owner's expense in lieu of removing the animal.

(b) Euthanasia may be required to protect the public. The Installation Veterinarian or the Military Police can recommend euthanasia of an animal. The final decision rests with the Garrison Commander.

(2) If the owner or sponsor wishes to reclaim and remove a dangerous/vicious animal from the installation to a new location, the animal control authorities in the new jurisdiction will be notified by either the Military Police or VTF personnel prior to release of the animal. The animal must be taken to the new location immediately and directly upon its release.

d. Avenue of appeal. The owner or sponsor of an animal declared dangerous/vicious may file an appeal, in writing with complete justification, through the Provost Marshal, to the Garrison Commander, USAIC&FH, Fort Huachuca within 5 working days. The owner or sponsor of an animal may request a hearing before the Garrison Commander.

15. Reporting violations.

a. Procedures for reporting violations.

(1) An individual may contact the Provost Marshal's Office in situations where there is evidence that the requirements of this regulation have been violated.

(2) The Military Police will investigate all complaints and will take appropriate action if the complaint has justification. Military Police or the City of Sierra Vista has the authority to impound an animal while the investigation is being conducted.

(3) In cases of animal cruelty or neglect, the present Arizona Revised Statute applies on Fort Huachuca.

(4) In cases of animal neglect/abuse, Article 92 of the U.C.M.J. applies to active duty military members, while the Assimilative Crime Act, 18 U.S. Code, Section 13 and Arizona Revised Statute apply to dependents and civilians.

(5) Individuals seeing an animal showing unusual or threatening behavior will inform the Military Police, who will take steps to apprehend and impound the animal. The City of Sierra Vista will assist the Military Police when requested.

(a) If it is necessary to destroy the animal, care must be taken not to damage or destroy the head.

(b) The animal's remains will be delivered to the VTF immediately. After hours the remains will be refrigerated and then delivered to the VTF as soon as possible.

b. No one will interfere with Military Police or the City of Sierra Vista engaged in animal control enforcement procedures.

16. Disposal of dead animals.

a. Owners or sponsors are responsible for proper disposal of their animals that die on the installation.

b. Dead animals may be brought to the VTF during normal operating hours for disposal. A nominal disposal fee will be assessed.

c. Owners who have any questions regarding animal disposition policies or procedures should contact the Veterinary Services for advice.

d. Animals (domestic or wild) that die on this installation are subject to necropsy or rabies testing by veterinary service personnel if deemed necessary by the responsible veterinarian. In cases of animal abuse, Military Police or the City of Sierra Vista may request the Installation Veterinarian or other licensed veterinarian/pathologist to perform a necropsy.

17. Requirements for equine animals.

a. Prior to entrance.

(1) Equines entering Fort Huachuca to be stabled here must be accompanied by written proof of immunizations against Eastern and Western Equine Encephalomyelitis; tetanus; equine influenza; equine rhinopneumonitis; and rabies. Other vaccinations may be required depending upon the incidence of disease in the area.

(a) The animal must have received the basic series or annual vaccinations within the past 12 months.

(b) This may be waived, in which case all vaccinations will be given during the quarantine period at the owner's expense.

(c) Have a negative Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) (Coggins Test) within 1 year of entry onto the installation or during quarantine at owner's expense.

(d) The proof of the negative test must be on the current edition U.S. Department of Agriculture EIA Laboratory Report (Veterinary Service Form 10-11).

(e) Have been dewormed within the last 3 months or dewormed during quarantine at the owner's expense.

(2) A stall must have been reserved at Buffalo Corral (533-5220) before the animal enters quarantine. A reservation must be made at the VTF for a quarantine stall. Call 533 (DSN 821)-2767.

b. Registration on Fort Huachuca.

(1) Present all health records, including vaccination and health certificate, when the animal enters quarantine.

(2) All Equines to be stabled on Fort Huachuca will be presented to the VTF for examination before entering quarantine. If this is not possible, then the animal will be examined on the first working day after entering quarantine.

(a) Appointments are necessary for this exam. Call 533-2767 for an appointment. A waiting period may ensue, depending upon the availability of quarantine stalls.

(b) Animals that are apparently sick will be denied entry into quarantine.

(c) Animals in quarantine will not leave the immediate vicinity of the quarantine stalls.

(d) Animals in quarantine will not be allowed contact with other animals from Buffalo Corral or any other Equines, to include those in quarantine.

(e) Owners will report any evidence of illness or unusual behavior in a quarantined animal immediately.

(f) Rental fees, payable to Buffalo Corral, may be incurred when the animal enters quarantine.

(g) Quarantine stalls must be cleaned daily and at the end of the quarantine period, including emptying and scrubbing of the water bucket. Horses in quarantine must be fed and provided clean, fresh water daily by the owner.

(h) Owners will have veterinary clinic personnel check the status of the stall before they are cleared to leave.

(3) The quarantine period will be at least 7 days.

c. Maintenance on Fort Huachuca.

(1) Repeat vaccinations listed above every 12 months, at a minimum. These services may be obtained from the VTF by appointment.

(2) All Equines will be dewormed at 90-day intervals or less.

(3) The owner or lessee may use the services of a civilian veterinarian provided written proof of vaccinations and worming are provided to the VTF the next working day.

(4) No live vaccines, except those listed in paragraph 17a will be given to any equine animal kept on this installation without first obtaining permission from the Veterinary Services. This restriction is necessary to prevent possible spread of infectious agents to unvaccinated equine animals.

(5) All equine animals kept on the installation shall be subject to testing and treatment for any infectious or communicable disease(s) as deemed necessary to protect the health of the Government-owned equine animals.

d. Re-quarantine.

(1) Equines removed from Fort Huachuca may have to undergo quarantine upon reentry. The need for quarantine will be determined by type of activity, the time the Equine is gone, incidence of disease in the area and other considerations. Any Equine gone from the installation for 30 days or longer will be quarantined upon return to the installation.

(2) This will be at the Installation Veterinarian's discretion.

(3) Owners participating in horse shows, trail rides, gymkhanas, etc., will take care to avoid nose-to-nose contact by their Equines with other Equines and use of communal water and feed containers.

e. EIA.

(1) Government-owned Equines will be tested once a year.

(2) Privately-owned Equines will be tested once a year.

(3) Arizona State and Federal laws govern the actions taken in the event an animal tests positive for EIA. The owner may be required to remove the animal from the installation or destroy the animal. Permanent quarantine of infected animals on Ft. Huachuca is not permitted.

f. Safeguards.

(1) In the interest of protecting Government-owned Equines, the Veterinary Services must be told of any infectious and/or communicable disease(s) occurring in any privately owned Equines stabled on the installation. This would include, but not be limited to, upper respiratory disease, fungal infection, and animal death.

(2) Quarantine of affected animals may be required to protect the health of the other Equines. Quarantine fees will apply.

18. Clearing the installation.

a. All military personnel who maintain cats, dogs, and/or equines on the installation are required to clear the Veterinary Services prior to final clearance of Fort Huachuca. Records of the registered animal(s) will be given to the owner at that time. Dog owners should call the City of Sierra Vista Animal Control at 458-4151 to notify them that their animal(s) will no longer be in the area. Health certificates are required for animals going overseas and to other states. The health certificate must be obtained as close to the owner's departure date as possible.

Glossary

Section I Abbreviations

AR
Army Regulation

DEERS
Defense Enrollment/Eligibility Reporting System

DHS
Director of Health Services

DOD
Department of Defense

EIA
Equine Infectious Anemia

FCC
Family Child Care

NAFI
Non-appropriated fund instrumentality

VTF
Veterinary Treatment Facility

Section II Terms

Army Veterinary Service
An integral part of the Army Medical Department. It is composed of the Assistant Surgeon General for Veterinary Services, Veterinary Corps Officers, warrant officers, enlisted personnel, and civilian personnel assigned to accomplish the mission.

Bobcat
Common North American lynx typically rusty or reddish in base color, with a bobbed or stubby tail.

City of Sierra Vista
A representative of the Sierra Vista Animal Control Bureau

Coyote

A small, wild canid common to western North America.

Dangerous/vicious animal

(1) Any animal involved in an attack on a person or another animal off the premises of the owner or sponsor of the attacking animal.

(2) Any animal which, in a threatening or terrorizing manner, approaches any person off the owner's property.

(3) Any animal with a known propensity, tendency, or disposition to attack, cause injury, or to otherwise threaten the safety of human beings or domestic animals.

(4) Any animal that was not controlled or restrained at the time of an attack in order to prevent the attack.

(5) Any animal that has been trained, tormented, badgered, baited, or used for the purpose of causing or encouraging said animal to attack human beings or domestic animals.

An animal does not have to cause injury to be declared dangerous/vicious.

Government-owned animal

An animal that is owned, maintained, or managed by a military or Federal agency or activity. Stray animals are Government-owned animals until disposition is made; that is, until euthanized, adopted, or released to civilian authorities. Unit mascots, on approved orders, are Government-owned animals. NAFI-owned animals are considered Government-owned animals except that reimbursement is required for expendable medical items and supplies according to AR 40-905.

Equine

Any horse, pony, mule or donkey.

Impoundment

The taking of an animal into custody by the Military Police or City of Sierra Vista.

Jackals

Any of several Old World wild dogs smaller than the related wolves.

Margay

A small American spotted cat resembling the ocelot and ranging from southernmost Texas to Brazil.

Ocelot

A medium sized American wildcat that ranges from Texas to Patagonia which has a tawny yellow to grayish coat dotted and striped with black.

Personnel authorized DOD medical care.

Those persons enrolled in the Defense Enrollment/Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS).

Privately-owned animal.

An animal owned and maintained by an individual owner. This includes stray animals claimed by their owner.

Secure Enclosure

An enclosure that is of sufficient size to provide the animal with the appropriate exercise space and shall be constructed in such a manner to minimize the risk of injury. It shall be constructed to include a cover of a material strong enough to prevent the animal from escape. **There must be a shelter present which must be of a quality and design to afford a healthy and humane environment for the animals it is intended to house.**

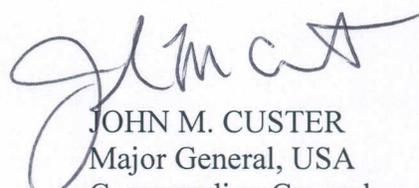
Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF)

A facility utilized for an animal disease prevention and control program by the U.S. Army Veterinary Service. The VTF serves as the operation base for the veterinary community health mission, rabies control program, health care support of animals, administrative support of the programs, and associated functions.

Wolf

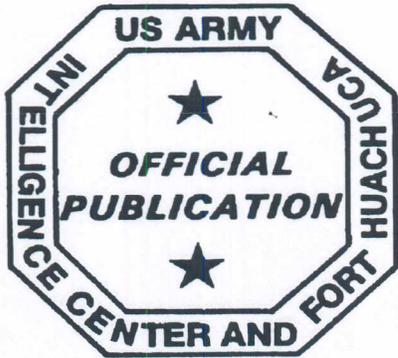
Any of the various large predatory mammals (genus Canis and especially Canis lupus) that resemble the related dogs.

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