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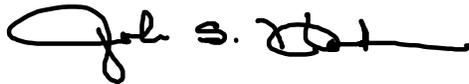
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Summary. This is a revised regulation. It sets forth policies and procedures for the administration of the Veterinary Preventive Medicine Program on Fort Belvoir.

Applicability. This regulation applies to all persons residing on, employed by, serving on, or visiting Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Suggested Improvements. The proponent of this regulation is the Chief, Fort Belvoir Branch Veterinary Services, National Capital District Veterinary Command. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028, Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms, to Chief, Fort Belvoir Branch Veterinary Services, Fort Belvoir, 10015 Theote Rd., ATTN: MCVS-ATC-A, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-5441.

*This regulation supersedes Fort Belvoir Regulation 40-905, dated 24 July 1996.

1. PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY.

a. Prescribes regulations pertaining to detection, prevention, and control of animal diseases transmissible to humans. Special emphasis is placed on the animal owner's role in animal disease prevention and control.

b. Applies to all persons residing upon, employed by, serving on, or visiting Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

2. DEFINITIONS.

a. Pet animal. A privately-owned animal living in association with a household; including dogs, cats, finches and psittacine birds, small rodents, domestic rabbits, amphibians, and non-venomous snakes. (Poisonous reptiles are not authorized as pets.)

b. Feral animal. Pet animals that have become wild and, normally, do not have collars or tags. Feral animals can and do live in housing areas, which is where they can be the most dangerous to persons and pets.

c. Stray animal. Generally, a pet animal running freely, not under supervision, and uncontrolled.

d. Wild animal. Any animal normally considered to be non-domestic, including (but not limited to) skunks, raccoons, and exotic animals. The offspring of domestic animals crossbred with wild animals (i.e. wolf hybrids) are considered wild animals.

e. Unsanitary condition. Defecation and/or urination by a pet animal on government property or in government quarters so as to create an unhealthy or offensive condition.

f. Proper physical control. An animal is considered to be under proper physical control when: (1) on an appropriate leash, chain or cable and (2) under adequate observation and voice control of a physically capable and responsible person.

g. Neglect. Failure to provide proper care for a pet animal. Proper care includes, but is not limited to, adequate protection from weather, adequate food and water, adequate sanitation and adequate human supervision.

h. Abuse. Willful injury or mistreatment of an animal.

i. Post Veterinarian. The officer in charge of the Fort Belvoir Branch of the National Capital District Veterinary Command serves as the Fort Belvoir Post Veterinarian.

3. REGISTRATION/PROHIBITED PETS/VACCINATIONS.

a. Owners of dogs and/or cats will report to the Fort Belvoir Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF), located at 10015 Theote Rd, for registration of their pets within 5 working days of occupying installation quarters or acquiring the animal. Upon seeing proof of current rabies immunization, veterinary personnel will issue a DD Form 2208 or NASPHV Form 50 (Rabies Vaccination Certificate), and a Fort Belvoir rabies tag. If an animal is too young for rabies vaccination, a properly completed medical record may serve as a temporary registration document until such time that the animal is old enough to be vaccinated.

b. The owner will ensure that all pet animals are properly immunized and properly tagged at all times.

c. All persons are prohibited from raising pigeons, chickens, and farm animals on the installation without permission from the Garrison Commander.

d. No one may keep pet animals on Fort Belvoir for commercial purposes.

e. The number of dogs or cats permitted in government quarters is limited to two adults and one litter under three months of age per family. The number of small rodents, rabbits, birds, etc., permitted in government quarters is limited to two adults of each species and one litter under three months of age per family. The Garrison Commander must approve, in writing, any exceptions to this provision.

4. HOUSING.

a. Fort Belvoir Housing Office will provide residents with a copy of this regulation when they sign for quarters. Fort Belvoir VTF will maintain additional copies of this regulation for distribution, as needed. Residents failing to comply with this regulation may be subject to termination of quarters.

b. Family housing occupants will ensure that pet animals are maintained in a humane manner, to include the following:

(1) Adequate shelter from heat or cold while kept outside.

(2) Maintenance of a high level of sanitation where animals are housed.

(3) Adequate, accessible quantities of fresh drinking water at all times.

(4) Adequate feed daily.

(5) Arrangements for pets to receive care while the owners are away from home longer than one day.

c. Because of confined living space and human considerations, occupants of unaccompanied personnel quarters may not keep any type of animal in their quarters except tropical fish in a suitable, small aquarium.

d. Animals will not be brought into or maintained within guest housing at Fort Belvoir.

5. CONTROL OF ANIMALS.

a. All Fort Belvoir residents or personnel visiting Fort Belvoir who own, or are in possession of pet animals, will maintain the pet animals under proper physical control at all times.

b. Pet owners will ensure that pet animals are controlled to the extent necessary to prevent loud or continuous barking, annoyance, littering, destruction of plants and other property, and/or injury to people and other animals.

c. Pet owners will ensure that female pet animals in heat are closely controlled to preclude problems with other animals. Male and female dogs will be properly restrained and confined to prevent roaming. It is highly recommended that all dogs and cats are neutered or spayed to prevent this problem.

d. Pet owners must immediately clean-up and properly dispose of all fecal waste created by their pet animal in public areas, yard areas of other residents and in their own yard. All feces an animal generates will be disposed of in a trash receptacle within a 24-hour period in order to reduce disease being spread from animals to humans.

e. Pet owners must not allow their pet animals to create an unsightly, offensive, or potentially unhealthy environment with their excrement. Excrement must be picked up and disposed of daily.

f. Pet owners will not leave animals unattended inside motor vehicles.

g. At no time are pet animals permitted on installation picnic grounds, playgrounds, ball fields, or other public areas where people may congregate.

h. Pet animals are permitted in the wildlife refuge areas provided they are kept on a leash and under proper physical control at all times.

i. All personnel are forbidden from abandoning animals on this military reservation. Unwanted animals will be taken to a humane animal shelter.

6. VIOLATIONS AND COMPLAINTS/STRAYS.

a. The Provost Marshal Office (PMO) has overall responsibility for animal control enforcement efforts. All complaints concerning animals, animal control, and/or violations of policy established by this regulation should be reported to the Provost Marshal Office, 9650 Theote Road, 806-3104/3105.

(1) The Directorate of Installation Support oversees the base contracted agent, currently DynCorp, which is tasked with picking up stray, injured or dead animals. DynCorp point of contact is the Pest Control Section, 806-3109.

(2) The PMO will be responsible for picking up vicious or uncontrollable animals after duty hours and delivering them to the Fort Belvoir VTF. Point of Contact is the Military Police Desk, 806-3104.

b. PMO personnel may pick up any improperly controlled pet, or any pet which is not kept in accordance with this regulation. Pets that are picked up will be delivered to the Fort Belvoir VTF, 10015 Theote Rd.

c. STRAYS.

(1) PMO or DynCorp personnel will transport captured stray animals to the Fort Belvoir VTF.

(2) Fort Belvoir VTF will attempt to identify the animal and notify the owner. A stray animal will be maintained by the Fort Belvoir VTF for a period of 3 working days. If not claimed by the owner within this time period, the animal becomes government property and is subject to adoption or euthanasia.

(3) Pet owners who reclaim their pets will be charged a fee to cover food and sanitation supplies used for their animal's care, as well as administrative expenses. Pet owners also will be charged for any medications or treatments received by their pet during its stay in the Fort Belvoir VTF.

(4) An animal's first offense as a stray will result in the pet owner being reported in the MP journal. Subsequent offenses will result in the pet owner being reported in the MP blotter.

(5) The Garrison Commander may, at his/her discretion, order any animal removed from this post after three stray incidents.

d. NEGLECT/ABUSE:

(1) PMO personnel may pick up alleged neglect case animals if the owner cannot be contacted. The owner will be cited on the MP blotter report. The animals will be transported to the Fort Belvoir VTF. Veterinary personnel will examine the animal for signs of neglect. The owner will be responsible for all charges incurred, (including transport, board, medical treatment, vaccinations, etc.). The owner may coordinate with Veterinary Services for pick up of the animal.

(2) PMO personnel may pick up alleged abuse case animals for transport to the Fort Belvoir VTF. The owner will be cited on the MP blotter report. Veterinary personnel will examine the animal for signs of abuse. The owner will be responsible for all charges incurred (including transport, board, medical treatment, vaccinations, etc.) and will notify the owner if the animal may be released.

(3) If, after veterinary examination, the condition of the animal, the animal's environment, or the animal's care is deemed substandard, Veterinary Services may recommend against returning the animal to the owner. In these instances, Veterinary Services will provide care for the animal until a final decision is made by the Garrison Commander.

7. ANIMAL BITES.

a. Emergency Room (ER) personnel will promptly notify the MP Desk Sergeant of all reported animal bites and will prepare DD Form 2341, Report of Animal Bite, for animal bite cases. The DD Form 2341 will be faxed to the Fort Belvoir VTF at 805-3452. The original copy of DD Form 2341 will be forwarded to the Fort Belvoir VTF.

b. The Post Veterinarian will contact the appropriate county health officials to arrange for quarantine and follow-up of off-post animals. The Post Veterinarian will coordinate off-post bite cases between the Rabies Control Board, DeWitt Army Community Hospital, and local authorities. The Post Veterinarian will contact the animal owner to arrange for quarantine and follow-up of on-post animals. The Post Veterinarian may contact the Provost Marshal Office if assistance is needed in locating or apprehending an animal that has been involved in a bite incident on this installation. The Post Veterinarian will coordinate all bite cases between the Rabies Control Board, DeWitt Army Community Hospital, and local authorities when required.

c. Animals known to have bitten or injured a person on this installation will be taken to the Fort Belvoir VTF, 10015 Theote Rd, telephone 805-4459/3351/2368, within one working day of the incident. Pet owners are responsible for transportation of pet animals involved in bite incidents to the Fort Belvoir VTF for pre- and post-quarantine examinations. The Provost Marshal is responsible for the capture and transport of stray or wild animals involved in bite incidents to the Fort Belvoir VTF.

d. For pet animals involved in bite incidents, the Post Veterinarian will determine if the pet owner may quarantine the animal in quarters for the 10-day quarantine period, or if the animal must be impounded at the Fort Belvoir VTF or an approved alternate site. Pet animals may be released from quarantine only during normal operational hours of the Fort Belvoir VTF.

e. Animals belonging to active duty military personnel assigned to Fort Belvoir but residing off-post may be quarantined at the Fort Belvoir VTF on a space available basis.

f. When practical, wild animals should be brought alive to the Fort Belvoir VTF. If it is necessary for the animal to be destroyed in its environment, care should be exercised not to damage the head as it is essential in the diagnosis of rabies.

g. For an animal involved in a second bite incident, if the first incident was a particularly vicious attack or if it is determined to be in the best interest of the Fort Belvoir military community, the Post Veterinarian will recommend to the Installation Commander that the animal be removed from post. The Installation Commander may direct the owner to remove the animal from the installation at the end of the 10-day quarantine period.

h. The Directorate of Installation Support (DIS) will process all letters of removal for the Garrison Commander's signature.

8. **WILDLIFE.**

a. No one can capture or possess wild or exotic animals on Fort Belvoir.

b. Except for the use of bird feeders, all persons are prohibited from feeding any wildlife on the installation without the approval of the Department of Defense (DOD) Game Warden, 806-4007.

c. DIS will oversee Fort Belvoir's contracted agent, currently DynCorp, for any capture or transport of wild animals to the Fort Belvoir VTF.

d. Wild animals captured by personnel on the installation will be taken to the Post Federal Game Warden, 806-4007.

e. It is illegal in the State of Virginia to capture or possess any wildlife without the proper permits, including fish and reptiles.