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**Medical Services**

# **Control of Animals and Communicable Diseases of Animals**

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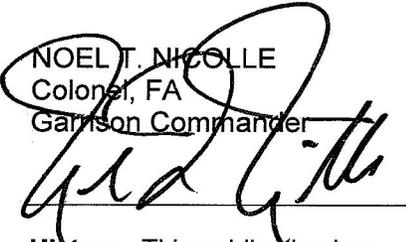
- Incorporates Garrison Policy Memorandum #10-10 - Mandatory Pet Micro-Chipping and Pet Control.
- Updates references throughout.
- Corrects formatting, general grammatical and typographical errors throughout.

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**Summary.** This regulation prescribes policies, responsibilities, and procedures for control of animals and

communicable diseases of animals.

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**Applicability.** This regulation applies to the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division (LI) & Fort Drum and all US Army Reserve Forces and Army National Guard Forces that train on Fort Drum.

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## **Chapter 1**

### **Introduction**

#### **1-1. Purpose**

This regulation establishes policies and procedures for the possession, control, and health measures of all animals on Fort Drum in both living areas and work areas. This specifically includes all privately owned animals maintained by all personnel assigned or attached to Fort Drum and their respective Family members occupying housing on post assigned by Fort Drum Mountain Community Homes (FDMCH) or domestic-leased housing located in various communities off post. These policies and procedures are necessary to protect the health and safety of personnel in each military community and work area.

#### **1-2. References**

Required and related publications and prescribed and referenced forms are listed in appendix A.

#### **1-3. Explanation of Abbreviations and Terms**

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

#### **1-4. Records Management**

Records created because of processes prescribed by this regulation must be identified, maintained IAW AR 190-45, and disposed of according to AR 25-400-2 and DA Pam 25-403. Record titles and descriptions are available on the Army Records Information Management System website (<https://www.arims.army.mil>).

## **Chapter 2**

### **General**

#### **2-1. Penalties**

This regulation is punitive. The Garrison Commander may withdraw/revoke the privilege of maintaining a privately owned animal when its continued presence constitutes a threat to the health or safety of personnel and other animals, or when the animal is determined to be a public nuisance. Military personnel who violate the provisions of this regulation are subject to prosecution under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Family members and other civilians who fail to comply with this regulation may be barred from the installation, and in appropriate cases, may be prosecuted under applicable federal or state laws. In addition, violations of the regulation may be cause for permanent removal of the animal from the installation. Personnel residing in off-post domestic-leased housing are also subject to local ordinances and authorities.

#### **2-2. Pet Ownership**

This command recognizes the benefits a pet provides to the military Family and encourages, with widest possible latitude, responsible ownership of privately owned pets. Maintaining a privately owned animal on this installation is a privilege and is dependent on the owner's ability to control and properly maintain the animal. The right of personnel to be free from unnecessary disease exposure, nuisance, trespass, and menace from pets is paramount to the privilege of keeping a pet.

#### **2-3. Preventive Measures**

Preventive measures are necessary to reduce the incidence of disease among domestic animals and to minimize the exposure of people to diseases transmitted from animal to animal

or people. Recognized effective measures include appropriate immunizations, appropriate maintenance, and diagnostic tests and treatments for communicable disease conditions.

## **Chapter 3 Procedures**

### **3-1. Animals Authorized**

a. Unless specifically prohibited, domestic animals to include dogs, cats, and small caged animals (e.g., birds, hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, fish, etc.) that can be housed in cages, tanks or aquaria equivalent to 20 gallons or less, are authorized to be maintained as outlined in this regulation.

b. The maintenance of privately owned animals on the installation is limited to no more than any combination of two cats and/or dogs; litters of cats/dogs will be disposed of before 90 days of age. Small caged animals and aquarium fish are permitted on the installation however they must be maintained in a manner that will ensure a safe and healthy environment.

### **3-2. Animals Not Authorized**

a. Sylvatic/exotic animals such as skunks, raccoons, opossums, foxes, ferrets, reptiles, monkeys and other exotic animals normally restricted to zoo-type confinement will not be maintained on this installation.

b. Livestock (domestic farm animals, including poultry, waterfowl and pheasants) will not be maintained on this installation as privately owned animals.

c. Breeding or raising of privately owned animals on this installation for commercial purposes is prohibited. This does not preclude the maintaining of animals for show purposes or the occasional breeding and selling of animals as a hobby, i.e., no more than one litter a year. The provisions in paragraph 3-1(b) must be met.

d. Wildlife rehabilitation is not allowed on the installation, unless it is performed in veterinary care facilities..

e. Unless the dog is a certified military working dog that is being boarded by its handler/trainer, the following breeds (including mixed breeds) are deemed "aggressive or potentially aggressive" and are prohibited from the installation:

- (1) Pit Bulls (American Staffordshire Bull Terriers or English Staffordshire Bull Terriers).
- (2) Rottweilers.
- (3) Doberman Pinschers.
- (4) Chows.
- (5) Presa Canarios.
- (6) Cane Corsos.
- (7) Neapolitan Mastiffs.
- (8) Wolves or Wolf hybrids (including mixed breeds).
- (9) Any other dog that demonstrates a propensity for dominance or aggressive behavior as indicated by any of the following types of conduct:
  - (a) Unprovoked barking, growling, or snarling at people approaching the animal.
  - (b) Aggressively running along fence lines when people are present.
  - (c) Biting or scratching people.
  - (d) Escaping confinement or restriction to chase people.

### **3-3. Housing of Authorized Animals**

a. All pets must be maintained in appropriate and humane conditions (e.g., provided with food and water; sheltered from extreme weather). Adequate care must be provided when responsible Family members are absent for more than 12 hours.

- b.* Pets will be housed indoors or in a fenced in area outside the pet owner's housing. Garages and balconies are not suitable housing. Pets are not to be tied or staked outside the home. Pets are required to be in the home or in an enclosed backyard if unattended.
- c.* Outdoor housing for pets, when approved by FDMCH, will be of the portable type and permitted within enclosed yards only and will be removed when the home is cleared. Storage sheds, garages, laundry rooms, pantries, or other areas that present safety or health hazards to the animals or Family members will not be used to house animals.
- d.* Personnel are not permitted to maintain a pet (exceptions are caged birds, small caged mammals, and fish) in transient or temporary quarters.
- e.* Animals are allowed in the workplace only for educational or therapeutic purposes by Fort Drum organizations or organizations affiliated with Fort Drum. Individuals are not allowed to have pets in their place of work.

### **3-4. Controlling Authorized Animals**

- a.* When the pet is not on the owner's premises, it must be under the control of the owner or Family member at all times (i.e. on a leash, wearing a shock collar, or similar restraint device) unless the animal is in one of the authorized, designated fenced-in dog parks or designated running trails (Appendix B) on post. Voice commands are not an acceptable means of control. At no time will the animal be off leash if it is in a non-designated common area or presents a threat to the health or safety of other individuals, pets or wildlife.
- b.* A Dog Park, maintained by the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (772-5169), is located at Remington Park, and two Bark Parks maintained by FDMCH (955-6800) are located in the housing areas in the 8400 housing area on North Lewis and the 94000 housing area on Indigo Way. Hours of operation are from 0600-2000.
- c.* All solid wastes deposited by the animal must be cleaned up immediately in common-use areas as well as one's own premises. The animal will be prevented from defecating or urinating on another's premises.
- d.* Animals (except seeing-eye dogs and Military Working Dogs performing a military service) are not allowed in the following areas: medical facility buildings and treatment areas, post exchanges and concessions, commissaries, theaters, clubs, swimming pools, tennis courts, gymnasiums, recreation/sports areas, and school yards. Pets are not allowed in playgrounds or tot logs at any time.
- e.* Pets must not prevent or obstruct employees or associates of FDMCH from properly performing their functions, duties, and responsibilities.
- f.* Pets must not interfere with official reviews, ceremonies, or parades.
- g.* Pets must be prevented from digging on any premises or in common areas.
- h.* Pets must be controlled from menacing behavior such as chasing vehicles, bikes, or pedestrians; prolonged barking or howling; biting people or other animals; habitual straying.
- i.* Pets must be controlled from harassing, chasing, or killing wildlife.
- j.* Guide dog regulations will have exceptions to some of the rules as defined by Title 40 USC, Section 291.

### **3-5. Transient Animals**

Authorized sponsors of a rodeo, circus, pet show, field trial, horse show, or other functions, which involve bringing animals onto the installation, shall make arrangements with the installation veterinarian for said animals to be examined. Animals permitted onto the installation will be free of signs of communicable disease. Proof of vaccination, as applicable, will be provided to the veterinarian. Entry of out-of-state animals will require a valid health certificate. Entry of equine species requires negative Coggins's Test results performed not more than six months prior to the entry date.

## **Chapter 4 Responsibilities**

### **4-1. Animal Owners**

- a. Comply with all requirements stated in this regulation.
- b. Comply with the licensing requirements for dogs older than six months.
- c. Meet appointments with Veterinary Services or notify that clinic of the need to cancel/reschedule the appointment
- d. Register and micro-chip all cats and dogs with Veterinary Services (building P-10735) within 45 days after the animal is brought onto the installation. At the time of registration, present written certification of required immunizations. If immunizations are required, make an appointment with Veterinary Services for the administration of required vaccines before registration requirements are completed. All dogs and cats will be micro-chipped.
- e. Obtain the original copy of a completed DD Form 2208, Rabies Vaccination Certificate, and metal registration tag from Veterinary Services. Ensure the tag is affixed to the animal's collar and worn at all times when the animal is outside the owner's quarters.
- f. Prevent the animal from becoming a nuisance or menace (biting or causing injury) to other animals, persons, or property.
- g. Keep un-spayed female animals isolated during the heat period.
- h. Present animals to the Veterinary Services facility for required examination when said animal has inflicted a bite/scratch on a person and comply with quarantine requirements.
- i. Promptly settle all fees and charges incurred due to impoundment of the pet.
- j. Obtain veterinary medical care for the animal when signs of behaviors suggest a health problem.
- k. Ensure control/prevention of internal and external parasites such as worms, fleas and ticks, which can cause disease in animals and people.
- l. Obtain the pet's health record when out-processing, notify Veterinary Services of animal's death, or change of ownership, as appropriate.

### **4-2. Veterinary Services**

- a. Provide scheduled outpatient clinic services, as authorized, for the prevention and control of communicable diseases.
- b. Accomplish pet registration, at the owner's request, when required immunization certification is presented.
- c. Maintain pet health records including documentation of each treatment, immunization, and procedure, and a copy of the DD Form 2208.
- d. Obtain and complete Part II of DD Form 2341, Report of Animal Bite-Potential Rabies Exposure. Upon notification of the bite/scratch incident and availability of the DD 2341, obtain the record, ensure proper management of the animal, and complete Part III of the DD 2341.
- e. Schedule appointments for examinations, as required, of each animal inflicting a bite/scratch on a person. At the time of the examination, quarantine requirements will be established.
- f. Provide care for animals impounded/quarantined and until disposed of through established procedure or contract.
- g. Investigate, as necessary, unresolved complaints of animal neglect or abuse on the installation. A representative of the Directorate of Emergency Services will accompany the veterinarian or his designated representative.
- h. Request Directorate of Emergency Services, Law Enforcement, support when pet owners on the installation are reluctant to comply with required examinations and quarantine procedures as outlined in paragraph a. above.

- i.* Coordinate with other offices and agencies on animal matters affecting the health of the community.
- j.* Humanely euthanize severely injured stray and wild animals.
- k.* Perform a necropsy when professional judgment deems the examination important.

#### **4-3. Directorate of Emergency Services, Law Enforcement**

- a.* Record all complaints of incidents involving animals. When the animal is determined to be a menace, nuisance, endangers the safety or health of persons or other animals, or causes damage or destruction to public or private property, an incident report will be submitted to the Garrison Commander. Upon notification by the Directorate of Emergency Services, Law Enforcement, the veterinarian (or designated representative) will provide technical assistance in the investigation of complaints involving animals on the installation. (NOTE: Complaints involving animals maintained in housing outside the confines of Fort Drum should be directed to the local civil animal control authorities.)
- b.* Seize uncontrolled or unregistered pets on the installation for impoundment. These animals will be delivered to the Fort Drum stray animal holding facility for impoundment.
- c.* Investigate the circumstances surrounding each animal bite incident when the offending animal is maintained on the installation and the incident occurred on the installation.
- d.* Issue applicable citations and fines for violations of the law.

#### **4-4. Directorate of Public Works**

- a.* Will remove and dispose of dead animals found on streets, walkways, and public areas. Owner identification, license, and rabies immunization information of the dead animal (domestic) will be presented to Veterinary Services.
- b.* Provide Animal Control services to seize any uncontrolled, unauthorized, or otherwise stray or feral domestic animal.

#### **4-5. Treating Health Care Provider**

- a.* Coordinate with Veterinary Services on all incidents of animal bites/scratches reported to the installation treatment facility. Coordination will be immediate when circumstances of the incident suggest a high potential for the exposure or transmission of rabies.
- b.* Initiate and complete Parts I and II of DD 2341. Expedient notification will be provided to the Veterinary Services.
- c.* Provide appropriate wound treatment and post-exposure rabies prophylaxis as indicated. Details of rabies prophylaxis administration, based on the action of the Rabies Advisory Board, will comply with the recommendations of the Immunizations Practice Committee of the United States Public Health Services.

#### **4-6. Preventive Medicine Officer**

Will coordinate routine Rabies Advisory Board meetings. Members are the Chief of Veterinary Services, Deputy Commander Clinical Services, Chief Environmental Science, Chief Epidemiologist and the Preventive Medicine Officer. Any member may initiate a called meeting. Responses from members are required prior to the administration of post-exposure rabies immunoglobulin or vaccine. NOTE: Telephonic responses are acceptable.

#### **4-7. Chief, Preventive Medicine**

Will complete Part IV of the DD 2341 when it is made available from Veterinary Services.

## **Chapter 5**

### **Incidents Involving Animal Bites/Scratches**

a. The owner of an animal identified as the animal that has bitten or scratched a person will fully comply with the quarantine procedures established by AR 40-905 and this regulation.

b. If an animal bite occurs on the installation, the procedures to be followed are:

(1) Individual will report to the installation medical treatment facility for treatment, if eligible.

(2) The Acute Care Center will initiate DD Form 2341 and complete Parts I and II. The senior health care provider handling bite/scratch cases at the medical clinic (emergency room, outpatient clinic) should telephonically notify Veterinary Services and the Directorate of Emergency Services, Law Enforcement Division. During non-duty hours, a message may be left on the Veterinary Services answering machine when the circumstances of the case do not suggest a high potential for rabies exposure.

(3) The Directorate of Emergency Services, Law Enforcement, will complete an Incident/Complaint Report. The report will be completed in all bite cases when it is determined that the owner of the biting animal has not complied with the immunization requirements. Veterinary Services will provide the current immunization status of the animal involved in the biting incident if the owner does not provide documentation, i.e., DD Form 2208.

(4) The Directorate of Emergency Services, Law Enforcement, will investigate the circumstances (provoked or unprovoked) of bite cases and report their findings to Veterinary Services.

(5) Veterinary Services will examine the biting animal and initiate quarantine procedures.

(6) Stray animals involved in biting incidents will be quarantined at Veterinary Services for 10 duty days. If unclaimed, stray animals will be euthanized unless deemed adoptable by the veterinarian.

c. If a bite case occurs off the installation and is treated at the installation medical treatment facility, the procedures to follow are:

(1) See paragraph b(2) above.

(2) Veterinary Services will notify the appropriate health department and animal control offices for quarantine and coordination. At the owner's discretion, the Veterinary Services Annex is available to military personnel for the quarantine of their animal.

d. Incidents caused by blatant antagonizing or provoking an animal are presumed to be the fault of the provoking individual. Owners of pets under proper control (paragraph 3-3a & c) are not automatically considered responsible for the action the pet may take if the animal is antagonized or provoked, or is approached without the consent of the sponsor or Family member of the sponsor. Parents are responsible for the actions of their children and should be especially careful of the behavior of preschool children to prevent incidents involving pets. In cases where a person repeatedly provokes or antagonizes an animal maintained under proper control, the animal's owner may lodge a complaint with the Directorate of Emergency Services, Law Enforcement. The Garrison Commander may order the termination of domestic-leased housing when the actions of a sponsor or Family member subject other occupants of domestic-leased housing to adverse safety, security, or sanitation conditions.

e. Incidents where an animal has bitten an individual without provocation, or guests that are invited onto the owner's premises or home where the pet is confined, indicates failure of the owner to maintain proper control (paragraph 4-1f). Such animals will be:

(1) Quarantined in a manner prescribed by Veterinary Services.

(2) May be removed from the installation after the first such incident based on the judgment of the Garrison Commander.

(3) Domestic-leased housing may be terminated after the first time the animal is involved in an unprovoked or vicious attack. Application of this provision will be based on the judgment of the Garrison Commander.

*f.* Unprovoked vicious/aggressive behavior may be cause for removal of the animal. This decision is not contingent upon the animal inflicting injury/damage and is based upon the judgment of the Garrison Commander.

## **Appendix A References**

### **Section I Required Publications**

This section contains no entries.

### **Section II Related Publications**

**AR 40–2**  
Army Medical Treatment Facilities: General Administration

**AR 40–3**  
Medical, Dental, and Veterinary Care

**AR 40–5**  
Preventive Medicine

**AR 40–400**  
Patient Administration

**AR 40–905**  
Veterinary Health Services

**AR 25–400–2**  
The Army Records Information Management System

**AR 190–45**  
Law Enforcement Reporting

**DA Pam 25–403**  
Guide to Recordkeeping in the Army

**HSC 10–1**  
Organization and Functions Policy

**HSC 40–2**  
Medical Services: Animal Bite/Scratch Case Management

**HSC 40–18**  
Medical Services: Animal Medicine Program

### **Section III Prescribed Forms**

**DD Form 2208**  
Rabies Vaccination Certificate

**DD Form 2341**  
Report of Animal Bite – Potential Rabies Exposure

**Section IV**  
**Referenced Forms**

This section contains no entries.

## **Glossary**

### **Section I Abbreviations**

#### **AR**

Army Regulation

#### **DA**

Department of the Army

#### **DES**

Directorate of Emergency Services

#### **FDMCH**

Fort Drum Mountain Community Homes

#### **Commercial purposes**

Repetitive breeding and raising of animals for the sole purpose of sale and financial gain

#### **Nuisance**

That which causes trouble, annoyance (prolonged barking, howling, chasing vehicles or persons, habitual straying) or damage to government or private property