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PET AND ANIMAL DISEASE CONTROL

**Summary.** This regulation provides policies and procedures for the possession and control of privately owned animals on Fort Benning.

**Applicability.** This regulation is applicable to unit commanders assigned or attached to the United States Army Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCoE) and tenant unit commanders as well as residents of and visitors to Fort Benning.

**Supplementation.** Supplementation of this regulation and establishment of local forms are prohibited without prior approval from the Commander, Maneuver Center of Excellence (MCoE), Fort Benning, Georgia 31905-5000.

**Suggested improvements.** The proponent of this regulation is the Director of Health Services. Send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) through channels to the Commander, Fort Benning, Georgia 31905-5000.

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**Chapter 1**  
**Introduction**

**1-1. Purpose.**  
 To provide procedures governing the possession and control of privately owned animals. Violation of the provisions of this regulation, whether or not specific reference is made within the separate provisions, may cause exclusion of a pet from post and/or loss of pet ownership privileges.

**1-2. References.**

**a. Required Publications.**  
 AR 40-905, Veterinary Health Services

**b. Related Publications.**  
 USAIC Regulation 210-5, Garrison Regulation  
 USAHSC Regulation 40-18, Animal Medicine Program

**1-3. Explanation of abbreviations and terms.**  
 Abbreviations and special terms used in this regulation are explained in the glossary.

**Chapter 2**  
**Responsibilities**

**2-1. All personnel.**  
 a. Any person bitten or scratched by an animal will report to the Emergency Room, Martin Army Community Hospital and complete an Animal Bite/Scratch Report as described in paragraph 4-2. a.  
 b. Personnel observing any animal exhibiting unusual or threatening behavior will notify the Military Police.

**2-2. Pet and horse owners.**  
 Owners of pets and horses on post are required to be familiar with the contents of this regulation and comply at all times.

**2-3. Detail personnel.**  
 Personnel on grounds police detail will remove animal carcasses as described in paragraph 3-9 a (2).

**2-4. Range, Roads, and Grounds Branch, Directorate of Public Works .**The Chief Range, Roads and Grounds Branch (DPW) will arrange the removal of large carcasses found on the reservation.

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### **2-5. Hunt Club Stable Officer.**

The officer will coordinate quarantine of incoming horses with the Installation Veterinarian.

### **2-6. Emergency Room attending physician.**

When a person who has been bitten reports to the Emergency Room (ER), the ER physician will treat the wound, complete the Animal Bite/Scratch Report, and notify Military Police if the animal should be apprehended immediately in accordance with paragraph 4-2 b.

### **2-7. Garrison Commander.**

The Garrison Commander will review and approve or disapprove requests for exclusions of pets from post, loss of pet ownership privileges.

### **2-8. Directorate of Emergency Services (DES).**

The DES Animal Control Officer will:

a. Capture stray animals on post and impound them in the Stray/Adoption Facility.

b. Apprehend and present for confinement in the Stray Facility, animals that have bitten or scratched a person if the animal is a stray, if the owner will not bring the animal to the Veterinary Treatment Facility, or the Emergency Room attending physician requests apprehension.

c. Process nuisance, abuse, neglect, stray and bite cases through the Installation Veterinarian.

### **2-9. Installation Veterinarian.**

The Installation Veterinarian will:

a. Provide limited veterinary services, at owner expense, to aid in the control of contagious and zoonotic diseases as described in paragraph 3-10.

b. Perform inspections of kennels, stables, dog parks and all other public areas where animals are kept on post as described in paragraph 3-11.

c. Determine whether abuse or neglect has occurred in suspected cases.

d. Determine if pets are creating a public health concern or public nuisance as defined in paragraph 3-1 e.

e. Provide quarantine examinations of horses held in accordance with paragraph 3-3

f. Attempt to locate and contact owners of stray pets or pets that have been involved in bite/scratch incidents.

g. Coordinate with local public health officials when a bite/scratch incident occurs off post.

h. Serve as a member of the Rabies Advisory Board.

i. Coordinate with the Installation Hearing Officer and Directorate of Emergency Services concerning violations of the regulation.

j. Issue written notification to pet owners found to be in violation of this regulation that they may lose the privilege to own a pet on the installation or that their pet may be excluded from Fort Benning. Notice should include due process procedures.

k. Provide the Installation Hearing Officer relevant information, including but not limited to Military Police Reports, Veterinary Medical Records, Notice of Revocation/Loss of Pet Ownership Privilege, and Veterinarian's evaluation regarding cases involving violations of this regulation.

### **2-10. Installation Hearing Officer (IHO).**

The Installation Hearing Office will:

a. Provide a hearing for pet owners being pursued for violations of this regulation.

b. Examine evidence on violations of this regulation from the Installation Veterinarian and the pet owner, and forward a recommendation to the Garrison Commander.

## **Chapter 3**

### **Privately Owned Animals**

#### **3-1. General.**

a. It is the policy of this command to permit, with widest possible latitude, the ownership of privately owned animals for companionship and recreation. Concern for the health, safety and tranquility of the command necessitates specific rules, restrictions and/or prohibitions concerning the responsibilities of animal owners.

b. Only horses, dogs, cats and small caged animals such as domestic rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, birds and fish may be kept on this installation. Prohibited on post are poisonous animals, wild animals, livestock (except horses), and animals which can transmit rabies but for which no quarantine period is known. Animals which can transmit rabies but for which no quarantine period is known include foxes, coyotes, wolves, wolf hybrids, coy-dogs (coyote hybrids), bats, raccoons, skunks, ground hogs, beavers, otters, opossums, bobcats, cougars, mongooses, and monkeys.

(1) In accordance with USAIC Regulation 210-5, aggressive dog breeds are also not allowed on post with the exception of in Veterinary Services for treatment. Aggressive Dogs; no animal shall be allowed to snap, growl, snarl, jump on or otherwise threaten persons without provocation.

(2) Aggressive animals which cause unprovoked harm to any person or animal, or are involved in two provoked bite/scratch incidents may be immediately removed from post by authority of the Installation Veterinarian upon a determination that the animal has created a public health concern. These cases will be forwarded to the Garrison Commander through the Installation Hearing Officer for action pertaining to the exclusion of the pet involved, the loss of pet ownership privileges, and/or the exclusion of the owner from the Fort Benning military reservation.

c. Personnel owning or keeping animals on Fort Benning are responsible for all damage to Government or private property caused by their animals.

d. No person, while upon the Fort Benning military reservation, shall by an intentional act or disregard cause physical pain, fright, suffering or death to any animal (does not apply to legal hunting or to scientific surveys). Cases of abuse, neglect, or disregard of any animal will be reported to the Military Police. The DES, Animal Control Officer will apprehend and present to the Veterinarian any animal suspected of animal abuse and/or neglect. The Veterinarian will determine whether abuse or neglect has occurred. Abuse or neglect cases will be forwarded to the Garrison Commander through the Installation Hearing Officer for appropriate action concerning exclusion of the pet from post and/or loss of pet ownership privileges. The animal will not be held in the stray facility pending the hearing outcome. Violations include but are not limited to:

(1) Failure to provide adequate living space and appropriate shelter from the elements.

(2) Failure to provide food on a daily basis or failure to provide access to clean water at all times.

(3) Abandoning any animal on the reservation.

(4) Failure on the part of the driver of a motor vehicle to report to the Military Police the death or injury of an animal struck by said driver.

(5) Leaving or exposing any poisonous substance for any animal(s) or aiding or soliciting any person in doing so. Exceptions include insect or rodent poison when used for control of insects, mice or rodents, and deterrents such as mothballs and ammonia, when used to discourage the presence of loose animals around quarters.

(6) Baiting, attacking, provoking or harassing an animal.

(7) Keeping an animal on a chain or other similar device less than 10 feet long, unless the animal is being walked.

e. Owners or harbors of animals on post, to include Battle Park Homes, are responsible for preventing their animals from becoming public nuisances or public health concerns. Reasonable standards will be applied to the actions of the owner or harbinger in each case.

(1) The Installation Veterinarian will be responsible for determining when animal related incidents have created a public health concern. In cases requiring immediate action to ensure the public health, the Installation Veterinarian will require immediate removal of a pet from post. In cases involving violations not deemed a public health concern, removal of a pet will not be delayed pending a final decision by the Garrison Commander. The Garrison Commander may order the permanent exclusion of the pet involved and/or loss of pet ownership privileges.

(2) Either the Installation Veterinarian or the Director, DES (or their designees) may determine when animal related incidents have created a public nuisance. Uncontrolled pets, unduly noisy animals, and other situations proving to be a detriment to the peaceful enjoyment of property and the tranquility of the command may all be considered public nuisances. If appropriate, these cases will be forwarded to the Garrison Commander through the Installation Hearing Officer for action pertaining to the exclusion of the pet involved and/or the loss of pet ownership privileges.

f. Pets will be kept indoors, secured outdoors, or enclosed within a fence. Outdoor housing for pets will be of the portable type and not a storage shed issued as part of a housing unit. Feces will be cleaned up at least one time per week per dog (1 dog = 1 cleaning per week, 3 dogs = 3 cleanings per week). No feces shall be present in dog house or storage shed. Daily removal of pets' excrement from areas in addition to the owner's quarters is also the owner's responsibility.

g. Ownership or maintenance of more than two pets, except fish and small caged animals, is prohibited in family housing areas. (Nursing litters will be permitted for a reasonable period of time, but not to exceed three months after birth).

h. Breeding or raising of pets on post as a commercial endeavor is prohibited. A breeding household will be considered any household with a male and female of the same species and both are sexually intact. This includes animals being used for stud or bitch that live in a single pet household. Foaling of horses is not allowed on post.

i. Pets are not permitted in unaccompanied personnel housing or in public buildings except for facilities designed for their use or care. In the case of Handicap Assistance Dogs, an exception will be made for those areas as authorized by Congress.

j. Horses will be permitted only in stable areas, designated riding areas, or the quarantine paddock (while under quarantine). No intact sexually mature male horses are to be stabled on Fort Benning.

k. Domestic livestock may be kept on post only after obtaining explicit permission from the Installation Commander. Health

requirements for livestock can be obtained from Fort Benning Veterinary Services. Livestock maintained on the post shall be subject to all health regulations of the states of Georgia and/or Alabama and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

### 3-2. Registration.

a. All dogs and cats maintained on post, must be registered before signing for quarters or upon becoming 90 days of age and must be reregistered annually. At the time of registration, immunization certificates will be reviewed and a copy maintained by the Veterinary Treatment Facility. Failure to register an animal may result in exclusion of the animal from post or loss of pet ownership privileges.

b. Upon registration, all dogs, cats and horses will be scanned for a microchip. Animals without a microchip will be micro chipped at the owner's expense in order to complete the registration process. Horses are strongly recommended to have a microchip, but are not required.

### 3-3. Entrance quarantine of horses.

Quarantine of horses will be arranged by the owner through the Stable Officer of the Hunt Club. All new horses arriving on post from a civilian or military facility will be quarantined at the quarantine paddocks for a period of at least fourteen (14) days. Animals are to be examined by the Installation Veterinarian or Veterinary Technician upon entry into quarantine and by the Installation Veterinarian at the end of the quarantine. Under no circumstances will a mount be removed from the quarantine area during quarantine and no horse shall come in contact with a quarantined horse. Requirements for entry into quarantine:

a. A valid health certificate and negative test for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) within the past 30 days.

b. Proof of vaccination by a veterinarian for Rabies, Eastern and Western Equine Encephalitis (EEE, WEE), West Nile Virus (WNV) and Strangles Intranasal within the past 12 months. Deworming, with an Ivermectin product, at least two calendar days and no more than seven calendar days before arrival is also required. It is highly recommended, but not required, that arriving horses be vaccinated against tetanus, equine influenza, and rhinopneumonitis.

c. Horses and equipment used in the quarantine area will be isolated from other horses during quarantine period. Horses arriving together may be quarantined at the same time as a group.

d. A release from quarantine memorandum will be provided the Hunt Club Stable Officer by Veterinary Services indicating that a horse has met the health requirements of this regulation and that the horse may be admitted to the Hunt Club Stables.

e. Any on post horse departing the installation for longer than 30 days will be placed in quarantine upon return.

f. It is strongly recommended that all horses on post have a microchip at the owner's expense.

### 3-4. Immunizations.

The only acceptable proof of immunization is a valid health certificate or vaccination certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian. All privately owned dogs, cats, and horses on this installation will be immunized at owner's expense in accordance with the following minimum requirements. Failure to properly immunize an animal may result in exclusion of the animal from post or loss of pet ownership privileges.

#### a. Dogs.

(1) Rabies. All dogs will be initially vaccinated as young as 12 weeks of age, revaccinated at one year, and every three years thereafter with an approved rabies vaccine.

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(2) Canine Distemper, Infectious Canine Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Parainfluenza, and Canine Parvo virus. All dogs must be adequately immunized against these diseases. Dogs as young as six weeks of age must undergo the immunization series, revaccinated at one year, then EVERY 3 YEARS thereafter.

### b. Cats.

(1) Rabies. All cats will be vaccinated as young as 12 weeks of age, revaccinated at one year, and EVERY THREE YEARS annually thereafter with an approved rabies vaccine.

(2) Panleukopenia (feline distemper), Rhinotracheitis, and Calici virus. Cats as young as six weeks of age must undergo the immunization series and be revaccinated annually.

### c. Horses.

(1) No unvaccinated horses are permitted on post. All horses arriving on post must comply with requirements in paragraph 3.3.

(2) Required vaccinations.

(a) Equine Encephalomyelitis. All horses 120 days of age and older will be vaccinated annually for Eastern and Western Equine Encephalomyelitis.

(b) Rabies. All horses 120 days of age and older will be vaccinated annually, using approved rabies vaccine.

(c) West Nile Virus. All horses 120 days of age and older will be vaccinated annually, using approved West Nile virus vaccine.

(d) Streptococcus Equi (strangles). All horses 120 days of age and older will be vaccinated annually, using the intranasal strangles vaccination.

(3) Recommended vaccinations.

(a) Tetanus. All horses 120 days of age and older should be vaccinated annually with tetanus toxoid.

(b) Equine Influenza. Recommended every 2 to 3 months, depending on use of horse.

(c) Rhinopneumonitis. All horses 120 days of age and older should be vaccinated semi-annually or more often depending on use of horse.

(4) All horses will be tested annually for Equine Infectious Anemia (Coggins Test).

## 3-5. Parasite diagnosis, treatment and control.

### a. Dogs.

(1) Dogs will have annual heartworm tests, and be on a year-round heartworm preventative program.

(2) Dogs will have annual intestinal parasite tests.

(3) External parasites such as fleas, mites, ticks, and lice will be controlled as needed.

### b. Cats.

(1) Cats will have annual intestinal parasite tests.

(2) External parasites such as fleas, mites, ticks, and lice will be controlled as needed.

### c. Horses.

(1) Horses will be treated for internal parasites every eight weeks.

(2) External parasites will be treated or controlled as needed.

## 3-6. Zoonosis.

All privately owned animals diagnosed by a veterinarian as having a disease transmissible to man are required to be treated to ensure the health of the community. Failure to treat may result in the Installation Veterinarian requiring the immediate removal of the animal from Fort Benning and the loss of pet ownership privileges. A report to the installation veterinarian, by the pet owner, of all zoonotic diseases identified on post will occur within three business days of diagnosis to ensure accurate reporting of communicable disease occurrence and treatment on post.

## 3-7. Animal diseases.

Animal diseases posing a health threat to the animal population on post are required to be treated. Failure to treat may result in the Installation Veterinarian requiring the immediate removal of the animal from Fort Benning and the loss of pet ownership privileges.

## 3-8. Transient animals.

Authorized sponsors of a rodeo, circus, pet show, field trial, horse show or other activity bringing animals on this installation will coordinate with the Installation Veterinarian so that entry of infectious animal diseases will be prevented. Animals visiting the installation, including trail riding horses, must meet and show proof of the requirements for on post animals set forth in sections 3-4 and 3-5 of this regulation. Entry of out of state animals will be denied unless accompanied by a valid health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian and in accordance with State of Georgia import requirements.

## 3-9. Animal control procedures.

### a. Pet control.

(1) All privately-owned animals will be under the control of the owner at all times, no animal will be permitted to run stray. Animals will be on a leash when being walked, and on a chain longer than 10 feet or within a fence when unattended.

(2) Dead animals found at large on the reservation (including on roads) will be policed by the major command having area responsibility. Specifically, outside populated areas detail personnel should move the carcasses to an area well off the road shoulder where the carcasses will be allowed to decay naturally. In populated areas, detail personnel will place small carcasses in doubled plastic bags and transport them to the veterinary facility for incineration. The responsible unit will notify Range, Roads and Grounds Branch, DPW to accomplish removal of large carcasses.

(3) For horses dying on the installation contact the Veterinary Treatment Facility or Chief, Range, Roads and Grounds Branch, Directorate of Public Works (DPW) for approved decomposition areas or contacts of removal services.

(4) Animals will not interfere with official reviews, ceremonies or parades. Animals will be kept from golf courses, school yards, playgrounds, athletic fields, swimming pool enclosures, food handling establishments, Post Exchange facilities, and medical treatment facilities.

(5) Female animals will be kept in isolation while in heat.

(6) Animal Control Officer will capture stray animals on post and release them to the Stray/Adoption Facility for confinement and disposition. Once placed in the stray facility, the contracted stray collection organization will recover the stray from the facility and transport the animal to the contracted facility. The stray contractor will attempt to make contact with the owner, if the owner is known. If the owner is unknown the stray will be disposed of by the stray contractor as outlined in the contracted agreement with Fort Benning. Once an animal is placed inside the stray facility, only the stray animal collector can return the animal to the owner. Proof of ownership is required to have the animal returned to the rightful owner. Proof of ownership includes but is not limited to microchip identification, veterinary

service receipts matching the age and type of animal or pictures of the animal. The animal will become contractor property if not claimed within three (3) working days. Once an animal becomes contractor property, the contractor may either put the animal up for adoption or humanely dispose of the animal as authorized by the contract. Prior to returning the animal to the owner, the owner will be required to comply with installation registration and immunization requirements.

(7) If a pet owner is responsible for more than two stray impoundments, action will be initiated by the Installation Veterinarian, to forward the case to the Garrison Commander through the Installation Hearing Officer for possible action concerning exclusion of the pet and/or loss of pet ownership privileges.

(8) No animal shall be allowed to snap, growl, snarl, jump on or otherwise threaten persons without provocation. Aggressive animals which cause unprovoked harm to any person or animal, or are involved in two provoked bite/scratch incidents may be immediately removed from post by authority of the Installation Veterinarian upon a determination that the animal has created a public health concern. These cases will be forwarded to the Garrison Commander through the Installation Hearing Officer for action pertaining to the exclusion of the pet involved, the loss of pet ownership privileges, and/or the exclusion of the owner from the Fort Benning military reservation.

(9) No animal shall, when secured by a chain or other similar device, be able to enter the property of another, the sidewalk, road, street, or common area such as a park, unless the animal is being walked. Any animal being walked shall not enter the property of another.

b. Unusual or threatening behavior. Personnel observing a wild, exotic, or domestic animal exhibiting unusual or threatening behavior will notify the Military Police who will take immediate action to impound the animal. Such animals will not be killed unless they cannot be safely captured alive. If it is necessary to kill such animals, care will be taken not to destroy or injure the head, and the carcass will be immediately delivered to the Veterinary Facility.

c. Disposition of dead animals.

(1) Owners are responsible for disposal of dead pets. The Veterinary Treatment Facility may be used for disposal during normal business hours.

(2) Animals dying on post are subject to postmortem examination by the Veterinarian when professional judgment deems it necessary.

(3) For dead animals found at large on the reservation see paragraph 3-9 a (2).

### **3-10. Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF).**

The Veterinary Treatment Facility provides authorized outpatient services to privately owned animals, owned by personnel authorized routine DOD medical services. National Guard and Reserves are authorized use of the VTF if they have orders stating they will be active duty for more than 30 days. Services include those required to effectively prevent and control infectious animal diseases. Available services include installation registration of privately owned animals, application for City of Columbus pet registration, veterinary health and/or foreign traveling certificates, stray animal impoundment and pet adoption. Euthanasia and disposal services are also available. Hours of operation will be established by the Veterinary Services. Professional services for privately owned animals will be provided only during regular hours of operation. Normal duty hour emergency treatment for eligible animals residing on post will be limited to that therapy necessary to prevent loss of life or limb, or prevent undue suffering. Privately owned animals requiring extensive medical care, hospitalization, and/or after duty emergency treatment will be referred to civilian veterinary hospitals. All biologicals and medications used

for immunizations and disease control of privately owned animals will be paid for by the owner. Services will be denied to those who are in the business of raising animals for profit.

### **3-11. Stables and kennels.**

a. All on post military working dog kennel areas shall receive regular quarterly sanitary inspections by the Veterinarian.

b. The Hunt Club will be inspected on a quarterly basis by the Veterinarian.

c. Any new construction of stable or kennel areas must have the written approval of the Veterinarian as to location and construction to ensure that medical, sanitation and public health standards are met in addition to all other applicable laws and regulations.

d. Animals introduced into stable and kennel areas will be free of all signs of contagious or infectious diseases and will comply with the conditions of this regulation.

e. Upon recommendation of the Veterinarian, any animal believed to be a serious health hazard to man or other animals will be removed from the kennel or stable property.

### **3-12. Clearing post.**

All military personnel who maintain pets on this installation are required to clear the Veterinary Treatment Facility prior to final clearance of Fort Benning. Medical records of the animal will be given to the owner prior to departure. If health certificates are required, an appointment must be made to see the veterinarian.

## **Chapter 4**

### **Rabies Exposure Control**

#### **4-1. General.**

a. On post animals involved in reported bite/scratch incidents in which there is a potential human exposure to rabies will be presented to the Veterinary Treatment Facility for examination and confinement. These animals will be placed on quarantine status for 10 days from the date of the incident or until definite signs of rabies develop. The decision concerning the location of quarantine will be made by the Veterinarian. If the Veterinarian judges that a quarantined animal requires medical services unavailable at the Veterinary Treatment Facility, the owner of such animal will be directed to place the animal in a civilian veterinary clinic at the owner's expense for the quarantine period.

b. Animals that inflict bites/scratches on humans, resulting in a break in the skin, are considered rabies suspects and will not be destroyed unless they cannot be captured safely. If the offending animal must be killed, the head of that animal will not be damaged in any way. If the animal is dead, the carcass will be delivered to the Veterinary Treatment Facility as soon as possible.

c. All animal bites/scratches to humans are considered emergency cases and will be treated at the Emergency Room, Martin Army Community Hospital.

#### **4-2. Responsibilities.**

a. **Bite victim.** Any individual who has been bitten or scratched by an animal will report immediately to the Emergency Room, Martin Army Community Hospital. He/she will provide the attending physician or representative as much information as possible concerning the circumstances of the bite to assist in completing the Animal Bite/Scratch Report. Correct information concerning the ownership, location, vaccination status, and health of the animal is required when known. This will assist in contacting the animal owner and in determining the treatment of the bite victim.

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**b. Emergency room attending physician.** The Emergency Room Physician will:

(1) Treat bite wounds in accordance with currently accepted medical practices.

(2) Obtain a thorough and accurate history regarding the bite/scratch incident, including animal data.

(3) Request the Military Police to immediately apprehend the animal if he/she desires prompt confinement of the animal, due to the incident occurring during non-duty hours, or based on the nature of the incident.

**c. Veterinarian.** The veterinarian will:

(1) Assure prompt quarantine of the offending animal if it can be located.

(2) Contact local civilian public health agencies for bites occurring off post in order to establish quarantine as required by local ordinance.

(3) Serve as a member of the Rabies Advisory Board.

(4) Maintain close coordination with the Military Police to facilitate animal control and expedite animal confinement.

**d. Directorate of Emergency Services.** The Military Police will assist in enforcing rabies suspect quarantine and stray animal impoundment when notified of bite/scratch incident or when requested by the Veterinarian. Pets not voluntarily presented to the Veterinary Treatment Facility for examination and rabies suspect quarantine disposition will be apprehended by the DES, Animal Control Officer. Animals will be delivered to the Stray/Adoption Facility.

**e. Animal owners.**

(1) Any on post personnel having knowledge that his/her animal has bitten/scratched any human, or upon such notification, is required to present the animal at the Veterinary Treatment Facility for examination and quarantine. The animal will be presented at the earliest possible time and in any case by the next normal duty day. Failure to do so will necessitate intervention by the Military Police.

(2) Animals on home quarantine that die before 10 days have elapsed following a bite/scratch incident must be promptly delivered to the Veterinary Treatment Facility for postmortem examination.

(3) If an owner does not comply with home quarantine requirements, he/she may lose pet privileges on post.

## Glossary

### Section I

#### Abbreviations

CNS .....	Central Nervous System
DOD .....	Department of Defense
DES .....	Directorate of Emergency Services
DPW .....	Director of Public Works
EEE .....	Eastern Equine Encephalitis
EIA.....	Equine Infectious Anemia
ER .....	Emergency Room
MHO .....	Military Hearing Officer
VTF.....	Veterinary Treatment Facility
WEE .....	Western Equine Encephalitis
WNV .....	West Nile Virus

### Section II

#### Terms

##### bite/scratch incident

Occurs when an animal breaks the skin of a human as a result of a bite or scratch. This is a potential danger to public health and safety. The incident must be officially reported to the Emergency Room at Martin Army Community Hospital.

##### fence

Shall mean a fenced enclosure constructed with sufficient height, strength, and secure closing devices to adequately secure the animals contained therein.

##### horse

Any equine species, i.e., horse, pony, donkey or mule.

##### human exposure

Any bite, scratch, or other situation in which saliva or central nervous system (CNS) tissue of a potentially rabid animal enters an open wound, fresh wound, or comes in contact with the mucous membrane by entering the eye, nose or mouth. Touching or handling a potentially rabid animal does not constitute an exposure unless wet saliva or CNS tissue entered a fresh, open wound or had contact with a mucous membrane. A physician should be consulted to assess any potential exposure.

##### kennel area

An area authorized by the Installation Commander where pets may be domiciled on post in numbers greater than authorized in paragraph 3-1g.

##### livestock

Domestic animals normally kept for food, resale, or draft purposes (excluding horses), including poultry and domestic waterfowl.

##### owner

Any person owning or permanently harboring, keeping, or having long term custody or control of a pet, or the head of household that so harbors, keeps or has long term custody of a pet.

##### privately owned animals

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

##### provoked attack

An attack is considered "provoked" if a domestic animal is placed in a situation such that an expected reaction would be to bite or attack. This would include, but not be limited to, invasion of animal's territory, attempting to pet or handle an unfamiliar animal, an animal given a command to attack, startling an animal, running or bicycling past an animal, assisting an injured or sick animal, trying to capture an animal or removing food, water, or other objects in the animal's possession.

##### public nuisance

Uncontrolled pets, unduly noisy pets, and other similar problems are considered a nuisance and a detriment to the peaceful enjoyment of property and tranquility of the command. A formal complaint must be filed with the Military Police for an incident to be considered in the final decision regarding pet exclusion and/or loss of pet ownership privileges.

##### quarantine paddocks

Designated paddock area to be used exclusively for incoming horse quarantine purposes.

##### rabies quarantine facility

Kennel area designated exclusively to hold animals considered as rabies suspects.

##### stable area

Area authorized by the Installation Commander where horses may be domiciled on post, i.e., Fort Benning Hunt Club Stables.

##### stray

A domestic animal that has left its enclosure or its proper place and wanders at large, subject to impoundment.

##### stray/adoption facility

Kennel area operated by Veterinary Services, designated as a holding facility for those animals considered stray and/or for adoption.

##### unprovoked attack

An "unprovoked" attack or bite occurs when an animal strikes for no apparent reason.

##### veterinary treatment facility

Veterinary clinic offering limited professional services.

##### wild animal

Any animal not raised in captivity with direct human contact.

##### zoonosis

Communicable disease from animals to man under natural conditions.

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