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REGISTRATION AND CONTROL OF PETS

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1. PURPOSE. This regulation establishes:

a. Responsibilities and procedures for the registration and control of pets and for providing veterinary medical services at Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG).

b. Local procedures for the management of animal bites, rabies control, and the operation of the Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF) at APG.

2. SCOPE. This regulation is applicable to all active duty military personnel, retired military, and civilian personnel who reside in any quarters within the jurisdiction of APG. For the purpose of this regulation, "any quarters within the jurisdiction of APG" will include all on-post quarters in the Edgewood and Aberdeen Areas of APG as well as the off-post housing areas of Washington, Lee, and Reider Courts. This regulation does not take precedence over, supersede, or amend any Army regulation or major command regulation.

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\*This regulation supersedes APG Regulation 210-6, 13 May 1996.

## 3. DEFINITIONS.

a. Pets. Limited to dogs, cats, horses, and indoor pets (canaries, parakeets, ferrets, and small rodents such as gerbils, hamsters, and guinea pigs). Exceptions can be made in special cases as determined by the Officer In Charge (OIC), National Capital District Veterinary Command, Aberdeen Branch, APG (hereinafter referred to as "OIC, Veterinary Services") and authorized in writing by the Commander, U.S. Army Garrison, APG (USAGAPG).

b. Sponsors. Active duty or retired military personnel.

c. Pet owners. Sponsors and/or his/her dependents.

## 4. GENERAL.

a. Animals that are considered exotic or wild (i.e., snakes, monkeys, etc.) are prohibited as pets on APG (see paragraph 3a for exceptions).

b. Animals will not be permitted to enter troop billets, bachelor officers' quarters, bachelor enlisted quarters, tennis courts, and public or food handling areas, such as Exchange facilities, Commissary stores, theaters, etc. (dogs which are trained and utilized by handicapped individuals are excepted in accordance with section 291, title 40, United States Code, which allows such dogs under strict control to accompany the owner wherever the owner is authorized to go).

c. The Commander, USAGAPG, may prohibit the presence of any pet on this installation or require destruction of a rabid animal.

d. Possession of unauthorized animals on this installation is prohibited and any violator will be subject to disciplinary action, termination of quarters, or administrative action.

e. When pets are impounded for cause (except rabies quarantine), sponsors will be charged a processing fee of \$2, an impound fee, plus a daily charge determined by the overhead cost of the VTF (currently the impound fee is \$20 and the daily fee is \$5 per day).

f. Horses will be maintained only at the APG Riding Activity.

g. Any alleged instances of animal abuse, neglect or abandonment will be reported to the Provost Marshal for investigation.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. The Provost Marshal will:

(1) Enforce the regulations contained herein which apply to the control of pets.

(2) Pick up all stray animals and unregistered pets and secure them at the VTF. A stray animal is an animal loose on post. This does not include an animal that has been captured by someone then reported as a stray. DO NOT catch stray animals, report them.

(3) Investigate any alleged instances of animal abuse, neglect, or abandonment. The report of investigation will be reviewed by the OIC, Veterinary Services, and recommendations will be sent to the Commander, USAGAPG.

b. The OIC, Veterinary Services, will:

(1) Provide the registration process for owners to register their pets.

(2) Issue a metal tag for each registered pet.

(3) Dispose of animals, as may be deemed appropriate, in accordance with this regulation.

(4) Care for and feed impounded animals.

(5) Collect fees for the care and feeding of impounded animals where owners are identifiable, and all other fees for services rendered to animals. A \$20 in-processing fee will be charged for any impounded animal in our facility for more than 4 hours and \$5 for each additional day.

(6) Provide technical assistance to the Provost Marshal on any instance of alleged animal abuse, neglect, or abandonment.

c. Sponsors/pet owners will:

(1) Register and control their pets and ensure that all animals are properly immunized in accordance with this regulation and state and local requirements.

(2) Confine any female dog or cat in heat in such a manner that such female dog or cat cannot come into contact with another animal except for planned breeding.

## 6. REGISTRATION.

a. Owners of animals will register their animals at the VTF, building 2479, within 10 days of moving into any on-post quarters or quarters that are under the jurisdiction of APG; or within 10 days of acquiring an animal if residing on-post or in quarters under the jurisdiction of APG.

b. Not more than two dogs, cats, or combinations thereof will be registered to one sponsor and his/her dependents. Exceptions to this policy may be requested in writing, clearly indicating that no nuisance will be created and that no commercial use is intended. Such requests will be addressed through the OIC, Veterinary Services, to the Commander, USAGAPG.

c. A current certificate of rabies immunization will be presented at the time of registration, if applicable. The animal need not accompany the owner. If a current rabies certificate is not available, the owner will bring the animal for registration and it will be vaccinated at the owner's expense. Dogs and cats at the age of 16 weeks and ferrets at the age of 3 months and older must be vaccinated for rabies and the immunization record must be kept current. Failure to do so will result in the animal being barred from the installation.

d. Upon registration, a metal tab will be issued. This tag will serve as evidence of registration.

e. Animal owners will attach the registration tag issued by the VTF to the collar, harness, or halter around the animals neck and assure that the tag is worn when the animal is outdoors. This includes cats and ferrets, especially if the cat is allowed to go outdoors (see paragraph 7b). This tag will assist in identification and verification of compliance with this regulation.

f. Cancellation of this registration must be accomplished upon owner's departure from this installation, transfer of ownership, or the death of the registered animal.

g. Animal registration is not transferable. Registration is required under the new owner's name, at which time a new tag and number for identification will be issued.

h. Lost or misplaced registration tags will be promptly reported to the VTF.

#### 7. IMPOUNDMENT AND REMOVAL FROM POST.

a. When a complaint is received that a pet is becoming a nuisance, health hazard, or addicted to vicious traits, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security (DLES), USAGAPG, personnel will apprehend that animal and take it to the VTF. A formal investigation will be conducted. All expenses incurred by the seizure, impoundment, or any subsequent processing of the pet will be assessed in accordance with this regulation and AR 40-905.

b. Any pet found unattended, running loose, or observed out of control, will be seized by DLES personnel and impounded as prescribed by a above. Animals will be held at least 3 workdays unless humane destruction is deemed necessary by the OIC, Veterinary Services. Animals are not allowed to be outside unattended, this means that all dogs must be on a leash while being walked by an owner. This also means that no dog will be chained or restrained outside unless the owner is physically present. Cats fall under this rule as well. Cats are not allowed to roam outside unless owner is physically present. The APG Police, DLES, may impound any cat in violation of this.

c. Animals not claimed within 3 workdays after impoundment will be disposed of at the discretion of the OIC, Veterinary Services in accordance with AR 40-905. It is the responsibility of the owner to locate his/her missing pet.

d. When an animal is collected as a stray a second time, the owner will be sent a warning letter by DLES, with a copy furnished to the Commander, USAGAPG, and the OIC, Veterinary Services. At the time of the third incident, DLES will request the Commander, USAGAPG, bar the animal permanently from the installation.

e. Animals that are euthanized or found dead may be disposed of the normal infectious waste methods (incineration). Any animal suspected of, or known to have an infectious disease that could result in a public health hazard, will be disposed of as infectious waste.

#### 8. HANDLING ANIMAL BITE CASES.

a. On-post bite incidents involving stray animals will be reported to the APG Police who will apprehend the animal and deliver it to the VTF for quarantine.

b. When on-post bite incidents involve owned animals, it is the responsibility of the pet owner to present the involved animal to the VTF within 24 hours of the first workday following the incident. The veterinarian will determine if the animal is to be impounded or put on home quarantine. If the animal is current on rabies vaccination then the animal will be placed on home quarantine. If the rabies vaccinations are not current, the animal will be impounded for a 10 day period at the VTF, at the owner's expense, and vaccinated upon release. If owners cannot bring animal in during this 24 hour period post bite the animal will be seized by the APG Police.

#### 9. VETERINARY TREATMENT FACILITY.

a. A VTF is authorized and operated in accordance with AR 40-905 and Health Services Command (HSC) regulation. The VTF is located in building 2479.

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b. Services will be provided to privately owned animals within constraints of the availability of veterinary personnel and time restraints and as deemed by the OIC, Veterinary Services with the concurrence of the Commander, National Capital District Veterinary Command and Director, Health Services, USAGAPG.

c. Services will be provided only to properly registered animals.

d. All animals will be seen on an appointment bases. Appointments will not interfere with higher priority missions of the VTF.

e. Emergency cases will be referred to Harford Emergency Veterinary Services at 410-569-0173.

f. The cost of all care provided by the VTF will be borne by the animal owner.

g. The legal owner must accompany animals seen at the VTF. Children are not allowed to bring pets in for appointments. Also, if you must have another party bring in your animal, they must have legal power of attorney or a written signed statement from the owner to be placed in record indicating who is bringing animal in (they must be a military I.D. cardholder).

#### 10. WILDLIFE PRESENT ON POST.

a. Due to the high incidence of rabies in wild animals within the State of Maryland, the practice of feeding or providing shelter to wildlife (i.e., groundhogs (woodchucks), foxes, rabbits, raccoons, skunks, squirrels and others) is strictly prohibited. Wild birds are not susceptible to rabies so they will not be included in this restriction. Do not approach or feed the wild population!

b. All personnel residing on post are requested to store garbage in properly covered containers to discourage wild animals from roaming in housing area.

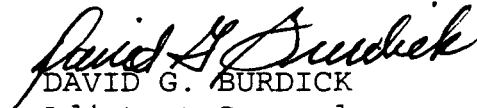
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11. REFERENCES.

- a. AR 40-1, Composition, Mission, and Functions of the Army Medical Department.
- b. AR 40-905, Veterinary Health Services.
- c. APGR 210-8, Handbook for Family Housing Occupants.

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