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This instruction implements HQ AETC/SGPM email message, dated 06 May 2003. This instruction establishes policies, responsibilities, and procedures for the possession and control of animals, and for the protection of the health and safety of personnel and animals being kept on Luke AFB. This publication does not apply to Air Force Reserve Command and to Air National Guard Units. Refer recommended changes and questions about this publication to the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) using the AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*; route AF Forms 847 from the field through the appropriate functional's chain of command. Ensure that all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained in accordance with AFMAN 33-363, *Management of Records*, and disposed of in accordance with the Air Force Records Information Management System Records Disposition Schedule located at <https://www.my.af.mil/afrims/afrims/afrims/rims.cfm>.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

This publication is substantially revised and must be completely reviewed. Changes were made to the requirements for Coggins testing in equines, animal control, and restrictions.

1. References. Required publication is AR 40-905/SECNAVINST 6401.1B/AFI 48-131, *Veterinary Health Services*. Additional references are listed in the Attachment 1, *Glossary of References and Supporting Information*.

2. Definitions. For the purpose of this instruction, the following terms apply:

2.1. Nuisance: An animal that damages private or public property or annoys individuals or the community by actions such as prolonged barking, digging in lawns, getting into trash containers, etc.

2.2. Menace: An animal's behavior or condition which threatens to cause harm to a person's health or body.

2.3. Control of Animal: Restraint practices applied to animals to prevent them from becoming a nuisance.

2.4. Companion Animal: Any privately owned animal (POA) maintained on Luke AFB.

2.5. Zoonosis: An infection or infectious disease transmissible under natural conditions from animal to human.

2.6. Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF): Also referred to as the VTF or Veterinary Services; the Army Veterinary Services located on Luke AFB that is responsible for all animal health-related matters on the installation.

2.7. Veterinary Corps Officer (VCO): A licensed veterinarian serving as the Army Veterinary Corps Officer on Luke AFB.

2.8. Dangerous Animal:

2.8.1. Any animal involved in an attack on a person or another animal on this installation.

2.8.2. Any animal with a known propensity, tendency, or disposition to attack, cause injury, or to otherwise threaten the safety of a human being or domestic animal.

2.8.3. Any animal trained, tormented, badgered, baited, or used for the purpose of causing or encouraging said animal to attack human beings or domestic animals.

2.8.4. Dangerous animal restrictions do not apply to Military Working Dogs.

2.9. Feral: A domesticated animal that does not have an owner, and that has returned partly or wholly to its wild instincts.

3. Policy.

3.1. The maintenance of household pets by individuals or families residing on Luke AFB is a privilege contingent upon compliance with the requirements and conditions prescribed in this instruction. The right of personnel on Luke AFB to protect themselves and their property from nuisance or menace from animals has precedence over the privilege of pet ownership.

3.2. Certain preventive measures are necessary in order to reduce the incidence of disease among domestic animals and to minimize the exposure of man to zoonotic diseases. Recognized effective measures include registration, certain restrictions on ownership and maintenance, administration of appropriate immunizations, and performance of specific diagnostic tests and treatment for communicable disease conditions.

4. Responsibilities.

4.1. It is the responsibility of every organizational commander on Luke AFB to ensure personnel under their command are in compliance with this instruction.

4.2. All companion animal owners will be responsible for obtaining required immunizations prescribed by this instruction. They will obtain any treatment necessary to keep their companion animal from becoming a health hazard to the military community.

4.3. The VTF will hold outpatient clinics to provide immunization and treatment of diseases communicable to humans. Veterinary Services will provide prevention, identification, and treatment of zoonotic disease conditions in companion animals on Luke AFB. The VTF will maintain base registration records of companion animals being maintained on base property.

4.3.1. The VTF is a functional element of the Army Veterinary Corps and Army Medical Department, and will enforce current Veterinary Command policy and guidance in its operation. Furthermore, appropriate Air Force policy and procedure—both Appropriated and Non-Appropriated—will be followed as directed.

4.3.2. Current VTF Standard Operating Procedures will be followed in the operation of the VTF.

5. Immunization and Registration of Animals.

5.1. The VCO, as provided for in AR 40-905/SECNAVINST 6401.1B/AFI 48-131, will implement a comprehensive Rabies Control Program to prevent the spread of rabies and other zoonotic diseases between animals and from animal to man. Costs of veterinary services provided for companion animals will be borne by the sponsor.

5.2. Immunizations required for dogs.

5.2.1. All dogs over 8 weeks of age shall have been vaccinated within the last 12 months against the following: canine distemper, infectious canine hepatitis, parainfluenza, and canine parvo virus.

5.2.2. Rabies immunizations are required for all dogs 12 weeks and older. The first rabies vaccination a dog receives needs to be boosted in 12 months. Every subsequent rabies vaccination is good for three years (provided an approved three-year rabies vaccination is used).

5.3. Immunizations required for cats.

5.3.1. All cats over 8 weeks of age shall have been vaccinated within the last 12 months against the following: feline panleukopenia, feline rhinotracheitis, feline calicivirus, and chlamydia psittaci.

5.3.2. Rabies immunizations are required for all cats 12 weeks and older. The first rabies vaccination a cat receives needs to be boosted in 12 months. Every subsequent rabies vaccination is good for either one or three years (provided an approved three-year rabies vaccination is used), depending on the type of vaccine administered.

5.4. Immunizations required for ferrets.

5.4.1. All ferrets over the age of 8 weeks of age shall have been vaccinated within the last 12 months against the following: distemper. Note the ferret distemper vaccination is not the same as canine distemper vaccination.

5.4.2. Rabies immunizations are required for all ferrets 12 weeks and older. There are a limited number of rabies vaccinations approved for use in ferrets. All rabies vaccinations given in ferrets are licensed for only one year, and must be boosted every 12 months.

5.5. Registration of companion animals maintained on base.

5.5.1. All companion animal owners will register their animals at the VTF within ten (10) working days of the date they are assigned base housing.

5.5.2. Registration of newly acquired animals will follow these same guidelines.

5.5.3. In the event an animal registered at the VTF is transferred from the original owner to another owner, and remains on Luke AFB, the new owner must register the animal within ten (10) working days of acquisition.

5.5.4. Owners will notify the VTF when their pets are removed from the base (either through change of ownership, death of the animal, etc.).

5.5.5. Proof of current immunizations, defined in this regulation, must be provided before companion animals can be registered with the VTF.

5.5.6. Registration of companion animals will expire when one or more of the required immunizations expire, and will not be renewed until immunizations are current.

5.6. Required immunization and registration of equines.

5.6.1. All equines stabled at Windriders' Saddle Club will be currently immunized against the following: Eastern and Western equine encephalomyelitis (EEE and WEE), equine influenza, rhinopneumonitis, rabies, tetanus and West Nile Virus. All vaccinations must be current within the previous 12 months.

5.6.2. A negative Coggins (Equine Infectious Anemia or EIA) test is required within 30 days before entry into the stables quarantine location. Otherwise, a negative Coggins is only required if the equine(s) is taken out for any show/event requiring this, or if traveling outside of the state of Arizona.

5.6.3. All equines stabled at Windriders' Saddle Club must be treated for intestinal parasites at a minimum of every three months (quarterly).

5.6.4. All equines must be cleared through the Windriders' Saddle Club before entering onto Luke AFB property. This will ensure all safety measures—immunizations, dewormers, and negative Coggins test—are up to date.

5.6.5. A health certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian from the state of origin must be provided before equines enter onto Luke AFB.

5.6.6. All equines that meet the above requirements will be held in a specified quarantine pen for a minimum of fourteen (14) days before being released into the general herd. This is to assure the horse is not harboring any infectious diseases. The VCO or a licensed veterinarian must certify the health of the animal at the end of the quarantine period before it can be released.

5.7. The installation commander may refuse base registration for any companion animal or equine and order the animal to be removed from base property at any time. Reasons for removal may include (but are not limited to): the animal is declared a health or safety

hazard, the animal is not up to date on its vaccinations, or the animal is not properly cared for by the owner.

6. Control of Animals.

6.1. Owners are required to control their animals at all times to prevent them from being a nuisance or menace to other persons, animals, or property.

6.2. Family housing residents must follow Privatized Housing Community Management Resident Guide in addition to this regulation.

6.3. All dogs must be kept on a leash when outdoors. Animals kept in a fenced area from which they cannot escape do not need to be kept on a leash. "Voice control" is not considered an adequate form of restraint.

6.4. All companion animal feces must be cleaned up immediately when the animal defecates outside of the owner's assigned quarters/yard area. Pet owners living on base are required to clean up their animal's waste from their yard as often as necessary to prevent unsanitary conditions, but no less than daily. Pets are not permitted to excrete on playgrounds or lawns of other occupants.

6.5. Pets must be housed indoors or secured in outside quarters within a fenced area or with a chain not less than six feet in length (if a fence jumper). They will not be secured to trees or shrubbery. Having a companion animal tied in an unfenced yard is not allowed.

6.6. Outdoor housing for companion animals will be of the portable type and will be removed when the quarters are cleared. All outdoor housing is subject to Privatized Housing approval.

6.7. Compliance with all sanitary regulations and the necessary maintenance of the area where the animal is kept is mandatory and the direct responsibility of the owner. Personnel owning animals on this installation are responsible for all damages to government property caused by their pets.

6.8. Companion animals are not allowed in government office buildings, the commissary, base exchange facilities, base clubs, swimming pools, the hospital, or in dormitories. Service dogs and Military Working Dogs are exempt from these restrictions.

6.9. Pet owners must abide by the quarantine procedures required by AR 40-905/SECNAVINST 6401.1B/AFI 48-131 and directives by Veterinary Services and Military Public Health in the event of animal bite incidents and/or disease outbreak on Luke AFB.

6.10. Disposal of deceased pets is the responsibility of the owner. The VTF holds a contract with an animal cremation service which may be utilized for a nominal fee.

6.10.1. Any animal dying of suspicious or unexplained causes, or suspected of harboring a zoonotic disease, may be subject to a necropsy at the VTF.

7. Disease Control and Animal Limitations.

7.1. Pet owners will comply with federal, state, and county laws relating to the humane treatment of animals.

7.1.1. Any suspected cases of animal abuse or neglect in privatized housing should be reported to the Privatized Housing Office immediately.

7.1.2. Veterinary Services will investigate matters of animal abuse or neglect on the recommendation of the installation commander or representative thereof.

7.2. Family housing residents must follow Privatized Housing Community Management Resident Guide.

7.2.1. Companion animals will be limited to two (2) walking pets per household, and may only be housed in permanent family quarters. Waivers of this limitation requires Privatized Housing Community Management Office written approval.

7.3. Companion animals (to include cats) will not be allowed to run loose on base at any time. When outside of the owner's home, the companion animal must be either on a leash or confined in a secure, fenced yard.

7.3.1. Any animal found at-large will be picked up and impounded with Maricopa County Rabies Animal Control (MCRAC). Retrieval of impounded animals is the owner's responsibility. Fees assessed (if any) will be the sole responsibility of the owner.

7.3.2. An owner who has their animal picked up three or more times while on Luke AFB will lose their privilege of owning or otherwise keeping animals as pets on Luke AFB.

7.4. Companion animals left unattended in a secured, fenced rear yard must be provided ample supply of fresh water and a constant shaded area for protection from the sun.

7.5. Companion animals left unattended in secured fenced yards must not be allowed to become a nuisance due to excessive barking.

7.6. Companion animals that have bitten humans will be quarantined in accordance with state and county laws. Any companion animal involved in more than one bite may be declared a nuisance.

7.6.1. The installation commander has the authority to remove any animal from Luke AFB at his/her discretion at any time.

7.7. Sick animals will be treated at the owner's expense. Zoonoses will be reported to Military Public Health or the Veterinary Treatment Facility.

7.8. Stray animals located within privatized family housing will be reported to the Privatized Housing Office. For all other portions of the base, Security Forces will only respond to actively aggressive animals.

8. Restrictions.

8.1. Non-domestic species of animals will not be maintained in Privatized Family Housing (to include, but not limited to: skunks, wolves or wolf-hybrids, raccoons, poisonous snakes, insects, etc).

8.2. Domestic species of animals, generally used for food production, will not be maintained in Privatized Family Housing. These include chickens, sheep, goats, etc.

8.3. Dangerous animals are prohibited from any base housing at Luke AFB. An animal does not have to cause injury to be declared dangerous. The following breeds are not permitted at Luke AFB in Privatized Family Housing: Akita, Chow, Doberman, Pit Bull, Rottweiler, American Staffordshire Terriers, English Staffordshire Bull Terriers, wolf hybrids, or any other breed with dominant traits geared toward aggression.

8.4. Any animal used for breeding purposes is prohibited from base housing at Luke AFB.

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Attachment 1**GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION*****References***

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Adopted Form

AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*

Abbreviations and Acronyms

AF—Air Force

AFI—Air Force Instruction

AFB—Air Force Base

AFMAN—Air Force Manual

AFPD—Air Force Policy Directive

EIA—Equine Infectious Anemia

MCRAC—Maricopa County Rabies Animal Control

OPR—Office of Primary Responsibility

VCO—Veterinary Corps Officer

VTF—Veterinary Treatment Facility