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This instruction implements Air Force Policy Directive (AFPD) 48-1, *Aerospace Medicine Program*, and Air Force Instruction (AFI) 48-131, *Veterinary Health Services*. It establishes local policy and prescribes procedures concerning the possession and control of animals at Moody Air Force Base (MAFB) as well as measures necessary to protect the health and safety of personnel and animals on this base. The privilege of maintaining a privately owned animal on this base is dependent on the animal's continuing ability to live harmoniously within the military community. The base commander may withdraw this privilege if the owner fails to comply with this instruction. This instruction was instituted to reflect the standards for identification, health and behavior of personally owned animals residing on base. This instruction requires collecting and maintaining information protected by the Privacy Act of 1974 authorized by 10 U.S.C. 3013, Secretary of the Army; Army Regulation 40-905, *Veterinary Health Services*; and E.O. 9397 (SSN). System of records notice A0040-905 DASG applies. Each form that is subject to the provisions of AFI 33-332, *Privacy Act Program*, required by this publication, contains a Privacy Act Statement, either incorporated in the body of the document or in a separate statement accompanying each document. Ensure that all records created as a result of processes prescribed in the publication are maintained in accordance with AFMAN 33-363, *Management of Records*, and disposed of in accordance with Air Force Information Management System (AFRIMS) Records Disposition Schedule (RDS) located at <https://www.mv.af.mil/gcss-af61a/afirms/afirms/>. Contact supporting records managers as required. 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*.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

This document has been substantially revised and must be completely reviewed. Major changes include removal of all references to government military family housing.

1. Responsibilities:

1.1. Pet owners must become familiar and comply with this instruction.

1.2. The Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF) and the Veterinary Services Chief are located in Building 111, and directs all animal health programs on base through the Base Commander.

1.3. Injured wild, stray or privately owned animals will be captured by 23 CE/Pest Management. If required, animals will be taken to the VTF for treatment and/or quarantine. Pest Management will arrange transportation of animal to the Lowndes County Animal Shelter (LCAS) for disposition and/or disposal during normal duty hours.

1.4. Base Civil Engineering (BCE) takes action to control insect and arthropod vectors capable of transmitting diseases. Additionally, BCE is responsible for retrieving and disposing of dead animals with the exception of family pets. No cat, dog, bat, fox, raccoon, skunk, or any other rabies disease reservoirs found dead on base will be disposed of without prior consent of the Veterinary Services Chief, with the exception of animal deaths caused by traffic accidents.

1.5. The Public Health Office coordinates all animal bite reporting procedures with the Veterinary Services Chief to include monitoring quarantine actions.

1.6. The Housing Management Branch (23 CES/CEH) is responsible for providing a copy of this instruction to each military sponsor occupying government owned and privatized quarters/housing.

1.7. Exclusion Clause:

1.7.1. Military Family Housing considered privatized housing is no longer deemed part of the base and is not subject to policies that are published in this instruction unless agreed upon by the private owner.

1.7.2. All residents, civilian and military, are required to follow local laws and policies established by Privatized Military Housing that govern animal control to include microchipping and are required to follow the local city, county, and state ordinances.

1.7.3. Military members have a choice to have pets seen at the base veterinarian's office.

1.7.4. LCAS requires all pet owners to keep current/update registration information for their pets. Pet owners must tag pets (3 months or older) if they have received their rabies vaccination.

2. Terms Explained:

2.1. Pet Animal. In this instruction, a pet (companion) animal is defined as any canine, feline, ferret, bird, fish, domesticated rabbit or caged pet (hamster, gerbil, rat, mouse, guinea pig, etc.) of commonly acceptable size which can be properly and adequately maintained, housed and cared for on base. Animals not included in this definition, and thus not permitted

to be housed on base, include horses, general farm animals including pot-bellied pigs, and ALL wild animals (skunks, raccoons, nonhuman primates, foxes, squirrels, coyotes, wolves, wolf-hybrids, etc.). Any animal not specifically mentioned above will be kept only at the discretion of the Veterinary Services Chief.

2.2. Rabies Suspect. Any wild or domesticated animal capable of transmitting rabies implicated in the bite or scratch of a human, regardless of vaccine status.

3. Procedures:

3.1. Registration, Immunization and Microchipping:

3.1.1. All dogs and cats maintained on government owned quarters will be registered with the VTF within 14 days of arrival on base or after acquisition. For specific requirements concerning pets in base privatized housing, refer to The Landings at Moody's pet policy.

3.1.2. For pets registered with the VTF, written documentation of rabies vaccination is required and must be presented at the time of registration. Use DD Form 2208, *Rabies Vaccination Certificate*; National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians (NASPHV) Form 51, *Rabies Vaccination Certificate* or an equivalent form. An appointment will be made with the VTF or an off-base veterinarian to have the required vaccinations administered, if the vaccination status is not current or the animal is too young. Pet registration (and subsequently the ability to buy products from the veterinary treatment facility) expires when the rabies vaccination expires. It is the responsibility of the owner to know when vaccinations expire.

3.1.3. Multivalent distemper vaccines are strongly recommended for both dogs and cats to provide maximum protection against viral and bacterial diseases. A need for additional vaccines can be determined on a case by case basis.

3.1.4. Microchipping is MANDATORY for all cats and dogs registered at the VTF. The pet owner must present proof of microchipping at the time of registration. Pet owners must make an appointment, with either the VTF or an off-base veterinarian, to have this service performed for any animals that have not yet received a microchip. Microchipping is essential to allow lost animals to be returned to their owners, and to prevent the unlawful abandonment of animals on base. Owners are responsible for assuring that the contact information associated with the microchip is kept accurate.

3.2. Care and Control of the Animal. The privilege of pet ownership on base is contingent on the pet owner's ability to adhere to the following conditions:

3.2.1. Owners must ensure that their animals are adequately housed, fed, watered and humanely cared for. Cruel or injurious mistreatment, abandonment and/or neglect are prohibited.

3.2.2. Owners must prevent their animal from becoming a nuisance or menace to other persons, animals, or property on base. A "nuisance" is defined as "that which causes trouble, annoyance (e.g., prolonged barking or howling) or causes damage to private or public property." All animals will be controlled to prevent them from biting or causing injury to people or other animals.

- 3.2.3. Owners will ensure their pet is leashed at all times when exercising or walking the animal off the owner's assigned premises -- **there is no exception to this policy.**
- 3.2.4. Owners must clean up animal waste immediately to prevent a breeding ground for flies and disease organisms. This will also protect children from coming into contact with fecal material that may contain dangerous parasites. Owners must also prevent their animals from urinating on and damaging shrubs, flowers, grass or other materials in the occupant's area of responsibility or any other government property.
- 3.2.5. Owners must ensure that female pets in heat are kept confined except when exercised on a leash and under direct supervision of an adult.
- 3.2.6. Owners must make sure their animal(s) wear a collar or harness bearing the current rabies tag number. Replacements for lost or stolen tags must be obtained at the VTF, 257-3312.
- 3.2.7. Owners must assist in obtaining immediate medical attention for persons bitten, scratched or injured by their pet.
- 3.2.8. Owners must abide by published quarantine procedures (see paragraph 6.2).
- 3.2.9. Owners may not breed animals for sale on or off base. The MAFB veterinary treatment facility will not provide services for animals bred for profit, including accidental litters. However, kittens and puppies that will be kept by the military sponsor can receive full veterinary services. False claims of ownership will result in permanent denial of military veterinary services and possibly disciplinary action.
- 3.2.10. Owners must clear through the VTF and obtain the health records of their animals upon relocation/reassignment from MAFB, transfer or termination of pet ownership.
- 3.2.11. Owners may not permit animals in the following buildings or activities:
- 3.2.11.1. Medical buildings (except the VTF, as part of an official pet therapy program, or service animals).
 - 3.2.11.2. Food service facilities.
 - 3.2.11.3. Base Exchange or Commissary facilities.
 - 3.2.11.4. Recreation Center, clubs and swimming pools.
 - 3.2.11.5. Theaters.
 - 3.2.11.6. Barber and beauty shops.
 - 3.2.11.7. Dormitories (except fish).
 - 3.2.11.8. Any other place where pet animals may create a nuisance and/or health hazard.
- 3.2.12. Guide dogs/assistance dogs accompanying patrons or military working dogs in performance of their duties are permitted anywhere their patrons are authorized so long as they are under control.

3.3. Housing of Animals:

3.3.1. Animals cannot be housed in dormitories, transient quarters or work areas. However, caged small animals, caged birds and fish may be kept unless their presence leads to disruption of neighbors or destruction of property.

3.3.1.1. The owners must assure their pets do not accidentally injure other people or animals or become a nuisance to the community. Dogs and cats will not be left out-of-doors attached by any means to anything unattended nor housed in garages or storage areas.

3.3.2. Moody AFB recreational areas. Out-of-doors housing of pet animals is not permitted in these areas.

4. Prohibited Acts. The following incidents are cause for disciplinary action to be taken against the offender:

4.1. Leaving any animal unattended in any vehicle parked on base in a manner which threatens the life or well-being of the animal.

4.2. Ill-treating, tormenting, overworking or otherwise abusing an animal.

4.3. Willfully using any known toxic substances in areas accessible to animals.

4.4. Repeatedly provoking or antagonizing an animal.

4.5. Failure to discharge the responsibilities of a pet owner as specified in paragraphs **3.1.**, **3.2.** and **3.3.**

4.6. Discarding of pets (alive or deceased) that have been involved in a human bite or scratch incident in the previous 10 days.

4.7. Maintenance of wild animals as defined in **paragraph 2.1.**

5. Removal of Animals from Privatized Housing. Refer to The Landings at Moody pet policy.

6. Injuries Caused by Animals. Individuals bitten or scratched by an animal will report to their Primary Care Manager at the 23rd Medical Group, or their civilian medical provider for medical treatment. The attending medical officer is responsible for the treatment of the patient and requesting quarantine action of the animal by Veterinary Services (initiate DD Form 2341, *Report of Animal Bite -- Potential Rabies Exposure*).

6.1. If the incident occurs on base, the pet owner will be located by Veterinary Services and the quarantine measures required will be described to them as stated below in Paragraph 6.2. If the animal involved is a stray, the 23 MDG must immediately notify the 23 SFS Control Center for capture and transportation of animal as outlined in Paragraph 1.3. If the incident occurs off-base, Veterinary Services will notify the LCAS or the Health Department which oversees the county that the bite occurred in, so that the Health Department may ensure a proper quarantine is initiated.

6.2. Quarantine Action:

6.2.1. Any animal kept on base identified as inflicting a bite and/or scratch wound on a human must be taken to the VTF for examination as soon as possible, but no later than 48

hours following the incident. This is to determine whether an animal is showing signs consistent with rabies. When the bite/scratch occurs on a weekend or holiday, the animal will be taken for examination on the next duty day.

6.2.2. If at the time of exam the animal shows no signs of rabies, the animal inflicting the bite will be placed on a 10-day home quarantine (10-day period starts from the date of the bite/scratch) and will be a rabies suspect for the duration of the quarantine period.

6.2.3. At the initial examination, the veterinarian or veterinary technician will schedule the animal for future examination at the end of the 10-day quarantine. Failure to comply with home quarantine rules of scheduled examination by the VTF will result in mandatory 10-day quarantine at an approved civilian quarantine facility at the expense of the owner. Animals with expired rabies vaccinations will be given a rabies vaccination at the end of the 10-day quarantine period at the expense of the owner.

6.2.4. Any pet animal that is bitten or scratched by a bat or by a wild carnivorous mammal which is not available for rabies testing, should be regarded as having been exposed to a rabid animal. Dogs and cats that are current on rabies vaccinations should be revaccinated immediately and placed on home quarantine for 30 days. If the pet is not vaccinated or current on rabies vaccination, it should be euthanized immediately and tested for rabies or confined under the observation of a civilian veterinarian for 30 days at the owner's expense.

6.2.5. Military Working Dogs (MWD). MWD are a special case because their medical history of vaccination is firmly established and documented. In addition, chance of exposure to a rabid animal is extremely unlikely because MWD never spend time outside their kennels without being under direct supervision by their handler. MWD are also more likely to bite a person because they are trained specifically to do so. Therefore, when an MWD bites a suspect in the line of duty or their handler during the course of training, they are exempt from the 10-day rabies quarantine. If a MWD bites anyone while not under command to do so (i.e. "un-provoked"), including a Security Forces handler, they are subject to a 10-day "working" quarantine. A working quarantine is defined as quarantine from the general public which still allows for training and performance of basic duties. The dog can still perform all duties, as long as they are not exposed to the public. For example, the dog could still train one-on-one with its handler but could not perform gate duty which would expose the dog to the general public.

6.2.6. The 23 SFS/820 BDG kennels will never be used to house stray animals. MWD handlers will never be utilized to capture, assist in capture, or assist in transportation of stray animals. MWD handlers will not conduct stray animal check for any reason. MWD vehicles will not be utilized for stray animal transport under any circumstance. Contact with other animals by MWD or their handlers are kept to absolute minimum to avoid spreading disease.

7. Stray Animals. Stray animals on base will be picked up by 23 CE/Pest Management and transported to LCAS (commercial phone: 229-671-2760/2761). Any stray acquired as a result of a bite incident will be transported to the base VTF for initial assessment and will be quarantined for 10 days.

8. AdoptedForms.

AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*

DD Form 2208, *Rabies Vaccination Certificate*

DD Form 2341, *Report of Animal Bite--Potential Rabies Exposure*

NASPHV Form 51, *Rabies Vaccination Certificate.*

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

AFI 33-332, *Privacy Act Program*, 3 August 2004

AFMAN 33-363, *Management of Records*, 1 March 2008

AFPD 48-1, *Aerospace Medicine Program*, 3 October 2005

AFI 48-131, *Veterinary Health Services*, 29 August 2006

Army Regulation 40-905, *Veterinary Health Services*

Abbreviations and Acronyms

23 CES/CEH—23rd Civil Engineering Squadron Housing Management Branch

23 SFS—23rd Security Forces Squadron

BCE—Base Civil Engineer

LCAS—Lowndes County Animal Shelter

MAFB—Moody Air Force Base

MWD—Military Working Dogs

NASPHV—National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians

VTF—Veterinary Treatment Facility

Terms

Working Quarantine—Quarantine from the general public which still allows for training and performance of basic duties