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This instruction establishes local procedures for the control, registration, identification, immunization, humane treatment and disposition of animals on Tinker AFB. This instruction implements AFD 48-1, *Control Of Animals And Their Diseases Communicable To Man*, and is applicable to commanders and personnel of units assigned or attached to Tinker AFB, base residents and visitors. It applies to Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard (ANG) units, except where noted otherwise. This Tinker AFBI may be supplemented by any level, but all supplements that directly implement this Instruction must be routed to OPR for coordination prior to certification and approval. 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 Disposition Schedule (RDS) located at <https://afrims.amc.af.mil/>. This instruction requires that the Air Force collect and maintain information protected by the Privacy Act of 1974. The authority to do so is Title 10, U.S.C., Section 8013. System of Records Notice F168 AF SG C, Medical Record System applies. 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 Form 847s from the field through publications/forms managers.

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

This revision changes the required quarantine period for a pet exposed to a known animal with rabies from 180 days to 45 days.

1. EXPLANATION OF TERMS:

1.1. Animal. Any live, vertebrate creature, domestic or wild, except human beings.

- 1.2. Cruelty. The imposing of pain or suffering and inadequate provisions of food, shelter or water.
- 1.3. Livestock. Domestic animals normally kept for food, clothing or riding purposes (pigs, sheep, horses).
- 1.4. Owner. Any person keeping or harboring an animal. An animal is considered to be harbored if it is fed or sheltered for 3 consecutive days or more.
- 1.5. Pet or Privately-Owned Animal. Any domestic dog, cat, fish, ferret, caged rodent, caged bird or caged reptile kept for pleasure.
- 1.6. Public Nuisance Animal. Any animal that:
 - 1.6.1. Molests passersby or passing vehicles or attacks people or animals.
 - 1.6.2. Trespasses on parks or playgrounds or is repeatedly at large (three or more offenses).
 - 1.6.3. Damages private or public property.
 - 1.6.4. Barks, whines, howls or makes noises in an excessive, continuous or untimely manner.
 - 1.6.5. Commits three offenses concerning sanitation.
- 1.7. Wild Animal. Non-domesticated animals (skunks, raccoons, etc).
- 1.8. Stray Animal. Domesticated animal that has no owner or owner is unknown (dog or cat).
- 1.9. Vicious Animal. Any animal whose conduct or temperament constitutes an anticipated physical threat; such as an animal cited one time for a reported unprovoked bite.

2. ANIMALS ALLOWED ON BASE:

- 2.1. The Housing Management Office will determine the type and number of pets allowed in base housing.
- 2.2. Ferrets, birds and reptiles will not be allowed in houses or buildings that are used for childcare services.
- 2.3. Wild animals that may be potential carriers of rabies (skunks, bats, foxes, raccoons, coyotes, etc.) and farm animals (pigs, cattle, etc.) may not be kept on base.

3. MINIMAL ANIMAL CARE:

- 3.1. Owners will provide their animals with sufficient food and water, proper shelter from weather elements such as heat and ice plus veterinary care.
- 3.2. No person will abuse any type of animal. The Base Veterinarian will verify or attempt to verify cases of cruelty to animals.
 - 3.2.1. Notifications of the alleged cruelty will normally be made to the 72d Security Forces (72 SFS) Controller, 734-3737. An AF Form 3545, *Incident Report*, will be generated and then a copy of the form will be given to the Base Veterinarian within 24 hours (or next duty day) of the form being completed.

3.2.2. The 72 SFS will then make arrangements with the Base Veterinarian to either provide an escort to visit the site of abuse or to provide personnel to have the animal transported to the veterinarian for an examination. In most situations, the owner can transport the animal for examinations.

3.2.3. The Base Veterinarian will then issue a formal memorandum to the 72 ABW/CV addressing the alleged abuse and recommending necessary actions to be taken. The memorandum will be sent through the appropriate OC-ALC Staff Judge Advocate authority first.

3.2.4. The 72 ABW/CV will make all decisions regarding final actions taken against an owner or an alleged animal abuse offender. These decisions will be placed in a written memorandum and forwarded to both the owner or the offender and to the appropriate JAG authority.

3.2.5. The owner or offender will be given 30 days to comply with any actions mandated by the 72 ABW/CV before further actions may be taken.

3.2.6. The Base Veterinarian will maintain a record of the incident, examination and recommendation in the patient's folder.

3.3. No person will give away any live animal as a prize for, or as an inducement to enter any contests, game or competition.

3.4. Any person who, as the operator of a motor vehicle, strikes a domestic animal will stop at once to render aid, report such injury or death immediately to the animal's owner, if possible, and immediately notify 72d SFS. The Base Veterinarian will maintain a file of owners registered at the clinic identified by the numbered rabies tag.

4. IMMUNIZATIONS:

4.1. In the interest of an effective preventive medicine program for safeguarding the health of the command and its employees, it is the policy of the Department of Defense to provide limited outpatient services so that pets belonging to military personnel may be vaccinated and treated for those diseases communicable to man (zoonoses). Such services will be provided to eligible personnel at no cost to the government and will be paid for by the owner.

4.2. Dogs:

4.2.1. All dogs 3 months of age or older will be immunized for rabies. Annual vaccinations are required.

4.2.2. All dogs 3 months of age or older will have a functional Home Again, Avid-Euro or Iso-compatible microchip placed subcutaneously between the shoulder blades and all owners will maintain current contact information within the company's database.

4.2.3. Fecal examinations for intestinal parasites are recommended annually.

4.3. Cats:

4.3.1. All cats 3 months of age or older will be immunized for rabies. Annual vaccinations are required.

4.3.2. All cats 3 months of age or older will have a functional Home Again, Avid-Euro, or Iso-compatible microchip placed subcutaneously between the shoulder blades, and all owners will maintain current contact information within the company's database.

4.3.3. Fecal examinations for intestinal parasites are recommended annually.

4.4. Ferrets:

4.4.1. All ferrets must be vaccinated for rabies and distemper with vaccines that are ferret-specific. The Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF) does not provide these immunizations for ferrets. Proof of immunization must be presented to the VTF staff when registering the pet.

5. REGISTRATION:

5.1. All pets maintained on base will be registered within 14 days of arrival or upon reaching 3 months of age.

5.2. Pets will be registered at the VTF, Bldg. 1133, during regular clinic hours. A file will be started on each pet. Veterinary staff will confirm microchip placement and current vaccination status. If the animal is found to be noncompliant with base regulations, an appointment will be made to correct the noncompliance.

5.3. Owners attempting to register or bring animals on base that have been determined by proper authorities to be vicious animals will be subject to punitive or administrative action, as appropriate.

6. TRANSIENT ANIMALS:

6.1. Authorized sponsors of a rodeo, circus, pet show, field trial, horse show or other activities that bring animals on Tinker AFB will make arrangements with the Base Veterinarian regarding restrictions, regulations and requirements to be imposed. Each event will be considered by the Base Veterinarian on an individual basis.

6.2. As a minimum, all owners bringing transient animals on base will provide the Base Veterinarian a health certificate, less than 30 days old, signed by an accredited veterinarian.

6.3. Animals temporarily housed in the temporary lodging facilities are required to be current on rabies and other species-specific immunizations.

7. VETERINARY TREATMENT FACILITY (VTF):

7.1. Current Department of Defense regulations and the availability of veterinary personnel determine the extent of veterinary services that can be provided to animals owned by active duty and retired military personnel. The Base Veterinarian will establish hours of operation.

7.2. The VTF is operated primarily as an outpatient clinic, for the purpose of administering required immunizations, diagnostic services and treatment of diseases which are an actual or a potential threat to the health of the command and its government-owned animal population.

7.3. All biologicals and medications used for disease control or treatment of privately-owned animals will be at the owner's expense.

8. ANIMAL FACILITIES:

8.1. All animal facilities on base will receive quarterly sanitary inspections by the Base Veterinarian. These facilities include, but are not limited to, the military working dog kennels and buildings that house caged pocket pets, such as the Child Development Center and the Youth Center.

8.2. Any new construction of kennel areas will have the written approval of the Base Veterinarian as to location and construction to ensure that medical, hygienic and public health standards are met.

8.3. Animals introduced into kennel areas or facilities will be free of all signs of contagious or infectious disease. It is highly recommended that the animal be quarantined a minimum of 14 days in an area physically separate from other animals.

8.4. Upon recommendation of the Base Veterinarian, any animal believed to be a serious health hazard to personnel or government-owned animals can be removed from the kennels or facilities, by order of the 72 ABW/CV.

9. ANIMAL CONTROL:

9.1. Pet owners will:

9.1.1. Ensure their animals are immunized, registered, micro-chipped and wear their vaccination tags at all times.

9.1.2. Ensure that pets do not interfere with official reviews, ceremonies or parades and are kept off golf courses, playgrounds, school yards and out of swimming pool enclosures, food handling establishments, medical treatment facilities and areas which are off limits. Seeing-eye or other dogs trained to assist those with physical handicaps are exempt from this limitation.

9.1.3. Maintain pets on a leash, within an enclosure or within the confines of the owner's home in such a manner as not to become a nuisance or a menace.

9.1.4. Keep un-spayed female animals in heat in isolation at the owner's quarters until the heat cycle is complete.

9.1.5. Prevent pets from indiscriminate biting, barking or any other offensive habits that generally would be classified as a nuisance.

9.1.6. Be responsible for any damage to property or injury to people caused by their pets.

9.1.7. Not keep any animal which, in the opinion of the 72 ABW/CV, constitutes a physical or health hazard to any other animal. Vicious animals (see paragraph 1.9) will not be kept. Animals kept for the purpose of fighting or trained to do so are prohibited.

9.1.8. Give humane care and treatment to all pets.

9.1.9. Ensure that areas or enclosures containing animals are kept in a sanitary manner, excrement is removed daily and odors do not become a nuisance.

9.1.10. Ensure compliance with pet limits set by the Housing Management Office.

9.1.11. Ensure animals are only permitted in certain designated housing areas on base.

9.1.12. Not breed animals for sale or profit or maintain a privately-owned boarding kennel.

9.1.13. Ensure proper disposition of pets upon their death or prior to PCS. Animals will not be left unattended for extended periods of time due to leave or TDY.

9.2. The Base Veterinarian will:

9.2.1. Be responsible for administering a program of zoonoses control and immunizations.

9.2.2. Issue quarantine instructions for all pets involved in biting incidents.

9.2.3. Provide registration procedures for animals and maintain records of vaccinations and treatment.

9.2.4. Determine if any animal constitutes a physical or health hazard and pass recommendations to 72 ABW/CV.

9.3. 72d Security Forces Squadron (72 SFS) will:

9.3.1. Enforce penalty provisions.

9.3.2. Pick up, impound or arrange with local authorities to place under quarantine any animal that has bitten any person or that is suspected by the Base Veterinarian as being afflicted with rabies. The direction of the Base Veterinarian will be followed concerning the place of confinement and duration of quarantine.

9.3.3. Provide the Base Veterinarian with information copies of all AF Form 3545, *Incident/Complaint Report*, that involve severe bites, nuisance animals or alleged abuse reports.

9.3.4. Treat animals in a humane manner.

9.4. 72d Civil Engineer Directorate (72 ABW/CE) will:

9.4.1. Capture wild animals on base and contact Base Veterinarian for disposal recommendations.

9.4.2. Remove dead, stray or wild animals found on base in accordance with established directives.

10. PUBLIC HEALTH:

10.1. Wild Animals: Wild life diseases will be monitored periodically by the Base Veterinarian to determine the prevalence and incidence of zoonotic diseases among wild animals on Tinker AFB.

10.2. Rabies Suspects – Privately-Owned Animals: When animals owned by military personnel are involved in a human bite/scratch, the Base Veterinarian will determine if the animal will be quarantined at home or at a state-authorized quarantine facility for the 10-day observation/quarantine period. The animal owner will be responsible for the cost of off-base quarantine and for the cost of any necessary immunizations during the observation period. If a suspect animal shows signs of rabies during the 10-day period the animal will be euthanized and samples will be submitted for laboratory examination.

10.3. Rabies Suspects - Vicious or Threatening Stray or Wild Animals: 72 SFS will be notified of any stray or wild animal involved in a human bite/scratch incident. 72 SFS will take immediate steps to capture and impound the animal. Such animals will not be killed unless they cannot be safely captured alive. The Operations Officer or Chief, Security Forces, will be empowered to decide if an animal must be destroyed. 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 VTF during duty hours or contact the on-call veterinarian. If the animal killed or captured is a wild animal, 72 SFS will notify Base Natural Resources Manager (72 ABW/CEANO) who will, in turn, notify the Civil Engineering Pest Management Unit (72 ABW/CEOI). The USDA Department of Wildlife at (405) 239-0843 can be notified to assist in difficult cases.

10.4. Disposition of Dead Animals: Owners are responsible for the proper disposal of dead animals.

10.4.1. Dead animals may be buried in an authorized off-base pet cemetery.

10.4.2. Dead animals may be taken to the local pound.

10.4.3. Disposing of dead animals in trash cans or dumpsters is prohibited.

11. ANIMAL BITES:

11.1. Any person on base receiving a bite/scratch with penetration of the patient's skin involving a warm-blooded animal will report immediately to an off-base emergency room or contact his/her primary care manager at the 72d Medical Group for an acute care appointment. If the attending physician determines that a potential rabies exposure has occurred, the victim or sponsor will provide all information required for completion of DD Form 2341, *Report of Animal Bite-Potential Rabies Exposure*. The DD Form 2341 will be immediately forwarded to base Public Health Office (72 AMDS/SGPM) at (405) 736-2199 who will contact the Base Veterinarian.

11.2. When a privately-owned animal is involved in a bite or scratch incident, the Base Veterinarian will then contact the owner of the animal to determine the type of quarantine that is necessary and any vaccinations that may need to be administered to the animal. The Base Veterinarian will maintain close contact with the off-base quarantine officials and immediately notify the Public Health Officer of observed clinical signs in any quarantined animals. No animal undergoing quarantine will be killed or moved elsewhere during the quarantine period without the approval of the Base Veterinarian.

11.3. Domestic, vaccinated dogs, cats or ferrets exposed (i.e. bitten) to a known rabid animal or a suspect animal that cannot be tested, must be effectively quarantined, so the animal cannot escape or come in contact with persons or other animals. The animal should be revaccinated immediately after exposure, then quarantined for 45 days to observe for symptoms. For animals allowed home quarantine, the owner must notify the Base Veterinarian at the first sign of any clinical abnormality. The Base Veterinarian will determine if home quarantine can be allowed.

11.4. Domestic, unvaccinated dogs, cats or ferrets exposed to a known rabid animal or a suspect animal that cannot be tested, should be immediately destroyed. If the owner is unwilling to have this done, the animal must be placed in an off-base quarantine for a total of

6 months (180 days). It is highly recommended that post-exposure rabies vaccination be given on days 0, 7 and 14 of the quarantine. At the end of the quarantine period, the animal may be released if no signs of rabies have developed. The animal should be re-vaccinated against rabies prior to release.

12. PENALTIES:

12.1. Military violators of the prohibitory and mandatory provisions of this instruction may be subject to appropriate action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice or administrative action. Civilian violators may be subject to appropriate administrative or judicial action.

12.2. Violations of requirements in the instruction will result in removal of an animal from the base, and may result in revocation of the owner's rights to retain any animals on base. The 72 ABW/CV may ban any animal from the base, if it is deemed a health threat by the Base Veterinarian.

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