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This instruction implements DAFI 31-101, *Integrated Defense*, AFMAN 48-105, *Public Health Surveillance* and Air Force Policy Directive (AFPD) 31-1, *Integrated Defense*. This instruction establishes local policies and procedures governing the possession and control of animals and actions necessary to protect the health and safety of personnel, dependents, and animals on this installation. This instruction applies to all units, residents, and visitors on this installation in regard to housing residents this publication will not conflict with housing closing documents. This instruction requires the collection and maintenance of information protected by the Privacy Act of 1974 authorized by 50 United States Code 797. Ensure all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained in accordance with AFI 33-322, *Records Management and Information Governance Program*, and disposed of in accordance with the Air Force Records Disposition Schedule (RDS) located at <https://afrims.cce.af.mil/>. 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 publication has been updated to combine Little Rock AFB Instructions 31-102, *Control of Animals* and 31-104, *Base Curfew/Unattended Children*.

Chapter 1

CONTROL OF ANIMALS

1.1. General Animals on base. All animals brought onto or maintained on the installation are included in the meaning of this instruction. Military Working Dogs (MWDs) are regulated by AFI 31-126. Possession of an animal on base is a privilege, not a right; with the exception of trained service animals as defined in [paragraph 2.1](#). Violation of this instruction may result in permanent withdrawal of the privilege to maintain an animal. The privilege of maintaining an animal while residing on Little Rock AFB is also dependent on the animal's behavior. The privilege may be withdrawn when the animal's continued presence constitutes a threat to the health or safety of the community, or if the animal is determined to be a nuisance.

1.2. Types. This section covers the type of animal and number of animals authorized on Little Rock AFB. Note: Ownership and maintenance of dogs and/or cats in privatized housing will be IAW this LRAFBI as reflected in paragraphs below pertaining to privatized housing.

1.2.1. Pet owners residing in privatized base housing will register pets with the base veterinarian within five working days of occupying a house or acquiring a pet. Privatized housing residents may have no more than two dogs, or two cats, or a combination of one dog/one cat at any time, with the exception of service animals. A service animal is defined as any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability.

1.2.2. Litters of puppies or kittens, while not required to be registered, will be relocated prior to 120 days of age.

1.2.3. In addition to the pets mentioned in [paragraph 1.2](#), privatized housing residents may have up to two small caged (birds or small animals such as rabbits, gerbils, hamsters, etc.), provided they are not a nuisance to the neighborhood or damage community property. Rabbits and other such sized four-legged, fur bearing animals, should be housed in a four-square feet cage per animal over four months of age.

1.2.4. Individuals with disabilities who request reasonable accommodation for emotional support animals may be asked by privatized housing to provide documentation for review. Privatized housing can ask for a certification, in writing, that the tenant or his or her family member is a person with disability; the need for the animal to assist the person with the specific disability; and the animal assists the person with a disability.

1.2.5. Personnel living in dormitories or Visiting Airman Quarters are not authorized to have pets, with the exception of small fish in a properly maintained aquarium. No other animals are authorized in the vicinity of the quarters without the written permission of the 19 MSG/CC or 19 MSG/CD (issuing authority).

1.2.6. Wild or exotic animals normally associated with zoo-type confinement or a wildlife environment (such as monkeys, skunks, raccoons, snakes, etc.) will not be maintained on the installation. Any exception to this restriction of animals, other than those listed in 1.2.7 and below, must be approved by the 19 MSG/CC and privatized housing management. Under no circumstance will the animal be brought onto the installation until this approval has been granted. Feeding of wildlife is not allowed on the base lake and the adjacent houses due to flight safety concerns.

1.2.7. For privatized housing residents: A pet is considered to be a domesticated animal living in association with a household. Acceptable pets are limited to dogs, cats, and caged animals IAW 1.2.1 and 1.2.3. Certain breeds of dogs are not allowed, including Pit Bull, any dogs mixed or predominate breed of a Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Bull Dog, American Pitbull Terrier, or any mixed breed thereof, Rottweiler, Presa Canarios, Doberman Pinscher, Chow chow, Akitas, Mastiffs, Great Danes, Alaskan Malamutes and Wolf Hybrids.

1.2.8. Farm animals, except for equine, are not permitted on the installation without written permission from the 19 MSG/CC or 19 MSG/CD (issuing authority). Equines are to be maintained at the base stables. Farm animals are defined as animals normally raised for profit, such as cattle, sheep, pigs, and chickens.

1.2.9. Personnel will not maintain breeding or boarding kennels, aviaries, or other multiple animal shelters on Little Rock AFB.

1.2.10. Pets are not permitted on the flightline. Service dogs are permitted in public areas so long as they are on a leash or harness and in the company of the owner. Military working dogs are permitted in all buildings and areas when on official business and accompanied by their handler.

1.2.11. Educational animals are authorized at schools, CDCs, universities, and the youth center that belong to Little Rock AFB.

1.2.12. Installation Commander retains authority over installation access, control and domiciling for all animals other than service dogs, including pets, therapy animals, and service dogs in training. The Installation Commander determines whether allowing a service animal or therapy/support animal which falls under the criteria of an “aggressive” or “potentially aggressive” breed as noted in AF policy or if other than a dog or cat species (e.g., exotic and farm animals) is in the best welfare of the individual and personnel living on the installation. The Installation Commander will ensure a safe Environment for all personnel residing on or assigned to the installation when evaluating these requests. Refer to DoDI 1300.27 for policy and procedures for the use of service dogs by service members as defined in Code of Federal Regulations noted (Section 35.136 of Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Reference (b), Service Animals, and Section 17.148 of Title 38, CFR (reference (c), Service Dogs).

1.2.13. Base populous and visitors are responsible for their service dogs’ proper behavior, health, and adherence to installation policies.

1.2.14. Base populous must register their service dogs with the installation veterinary service and ensure proper service dog identification is clearly displayed.

1.2.15. Base populous, visitors and service dog providers may be responsible for any damages a service dog may cause.

1.3. Registration of Animals.

1.3.1. All dogs and cats maintained by privatized housing must be registered with the base veterinarian within five working days of acquisition, or at the age of 3 months, whichever comes last. However, members bringing service animals or MWDs to base lodging are not required to register their service animal with the base veterinarian.

1.3.2. The official rabies certificate issued by the base veterinary clinic will serve as certification of registration. Dog and cat owners must maintain the official rabies certificate

and be able to produce it upon request by Security Forces, privatized housing management or the 19th Medical Group (19 MDG) Public Health Flight. A registration tag will be provided to the owner for placement on the animal's collar and shall be worn by the animal any time it is outside the owner's quarters. Pet owners must notify the base veterinary clinic when a register animal dies, leaves the area or changes ownership.

1.3.3. Small caged animals, birds and fish do not require registration.

1.3.4. Newly arrived equine on the installation will be subject to a 14-day quarantine at the base stables. The quarantine and registration of newly arrived equine will be accomplished through the stable manager. The owner will provide a valid health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian and issued within the last 30 days. The health certificate must indicate the equine animal has been tested for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) and found to be negative within the last 6 months. Immunization requirements for equine animals maintained on base will be in accordance with the established herd health program.

1.3.5. Transient animals: transient animals cannot stay on Little Rock AFB for longer than 30 days and will be controlled as follows.

1.3.5.1. Personnel residing in privatized housing are responsible for pets belonging to guests and will ensure pets do not pose a threat to the health or safety of the community. Residents of privatized housing and their guests are required to notify privatized housing management of any visiting pets to ensure pet policy guidelines are adhered to. In this case, the two-pet rule may be exceeded by no more than two additional animals for a period not to exceed 30 days.

1.3.5.2. Authorized sponsors of pet shows, rodeos, horse shows or other activities bringing transient animals onto the installation will notify the base veterinarian at least 30 days prior to the event and provide an estimate of the number and type of animals participating. All equines will be accompanied by a certification to prove the animal has been tested for and found to be negative for EIA in the 12 months prior to arrival.

1.3.5.3. All transient animals originating outside the state of Arkansas will be accompanied by a valid health certificate signed by an accredited veterinarian stating the animal meets all requirements of the state of Arkansas. The base veterinarian shall have the authority to deny entry to or cause removal of any animal determined to represent a reasonable threat to the health or safety of persons or other animals on the installation.

1.4. Responsibilities of animal owners .

1.4.1. Owners are responsible for the action of their pets and will ensure the following control measures are taken:

1.4.1.1. Pets must always be on a leash to prevent them from becoming a nuisance and to prevent them from causing injury to people or other animals. A nuisance is defined as an animal that causes annoyance) including but not limited to prolonged barking, howling, running-at-large, foul odors) or damage to private or public property.

1.4.1.2. Animals will not be permitted to run-at-large while outdoors except in designated pet-friendly parks. When walking an animal or letting it out of the fence or cage, a leash must be used to control the animal. At no time is the animal's leash to be released or tied to an object. At no time will an animal be fenced or caged in front yard of a base residence

or common use areas. Keeping an animal on a leash or confined within a fence, cage, house, or tied does not absolve the owner of responsibility for the animal's actions. Exception to this rule is hunting dogs that can be properly controlled IAW base hunting rules #24 & 27.

1.4.1.3. Owners are responsible for picking up pet excrement and waste. All areas containing animals must be cleaned daily to prevent unpleasant odors and unsanitary conditions.

1.4.1.4. Common use areas, such as tennis courts, golf courses, swimming pools, enclosures, playgrounds, athletic fields, base track, picnic areas, and school yards are always OFF LIMITS to pets. Exception: Pets are allowed in clearly marked areas designated as pet-friendly parks.

1.4.1.5. Pets left unattended in pet-friendly temporary lodging facility (TLF) rooms must be kept in a kennel for the protection of the staff.

1.4.2. Owners are responsible for the health of their pets. Owners must ensure their pets receive adequate shelter, nutrition, and all immunizations as required by state law. Owners will have their pets tested and treated for parasite and other diseases which, in the judgment of the base veterinarian, constitute a health threat. The base veterinarian provides the authorized immunizations and health examinations concerned with zoonotic disease conditions, but medical care for non-zoonotic conditions and injuries is limited. Pet owners are responsible for seeking civilian veterinary care in these cases. Civilians (non-dependents) will be required to seek civilian veterinary care.

1.4.3. The privilege of animal ownership carries with it the responsibilities of proper care and disposition of animal when the owner departs the installation of a temporary or permanent basis. Personnel permanently departing the installation will clear the base veterinary clinic, at which time they will be provided their pet's health records. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE WILL UNWANTED PETS BE TURNED LOOSE ON THE INSTALLATION**; instead, they will be turned over to the off-base shelter if a home cannot be found.

1.4.4. In the event of a disease outbreak, quarantine procedures may be imposed by the base veterinarian in accordance with the requirements of federal or state health officials.

1.5. Disposition of dead animals .

1.5.1. Owners are responsible for the proper disposal of dead pets. Pets will not be placed in household trash for removal. Advice on disposal may be obtained from the base veterinary clinic.

1.5.2. Dead animals found on the installation (including roads) will be sanitarily disposed of by the base civil engineer. **Exception:** dead animals found on privatized housing roads or common areas will be disposed of by the Privatized Owners. Under no circumstances will dead animals be buried on the installation.

1.5.3. Any animal dying on the installation is subject to a postmortem examination by the base veterinarian or other available veterinary clinic or county authority for appropriate disposition and laboratory examination. Additional resources can be obtained from the Arkansas Public Health Department to include sample collection and laboratory testing.

1.5.4. Disposal of game animals protected by the state of Arkansas will be made in the following priorities.

1.5.4.1. As directed by the Arkansas State authorities.

1.5.4.2. When released by the state authorities; if the owner does not want the animal, it becomes state property and must be released through disposition instructions of state Game and Fish authorities. This also applies to seized animals involved in abuse and neglect cases.

1.6. Action concerning violations of control of animals.

1.6.1. Letters of Warning (LOW) and orders to remove will be issued by the 19 SFS Reports & Analysis office.

1.6.2. When the owner of an animal is found in violation of any part of this instruction, 19 MSG/CC or 19 MSG/CD (issuing authority) may issue a Letter of Warning (LOW) to that owner. Owners receiving a LOW must provide to the issuing authority a reply with an endorsement from their commander or First Sergeant stating what action they have taken to prevent future violations. The issuing authority must receive the reply within 14 calendar days of the receipt of the LOW. Failure to comply with the requirement may result in an order to remove the animal from base.

1.6.3. 19 MSG/CC and 19 MSG/CD have the authority to order the removal of any animal from the installation whether the owner is military or civilian.

1.6.4. Failure to properly maintain control over a pet may result in the permanent withdrawal of the privilege to possess a pet on base.

1.6.5. When a LOW has not been previously issued and an animal is found by the issuing authority to have a vicious propensity, to have attacked in an unprovoked manner, to be a prohibited animal, or to have bitten a person with the owner failing to produce proof of current rabies vaccination, a presumption exists that the owner will be ordered to remove the animal.

1.6.6. When an animal that was the subject of a previous letter of warning is subject of another violation, a presumption exists that the owner of the animal may be ordered to remove that animal from the base.

1.6.7. All LOWs and orders to remove an animal will be initiated by the 19 MSG/CCE and reviewed by the 19 AW/JA prior to issuance. The owner may present extenuating circumstance as justification for withdrawal of the order to remove, in writing, through Security Forces, to the issuing authority.

1.6.8. Residents of privatized housing will adhere to the provisions of their lease, the resident guidelines, and this instruction.

1.7. Control of stray animals.

1.7.1. Security forces will comply with local ordinances and will contact the Jacksonville Animal Shelter when a stray animal is found anywhere on the installation, including privatized housing. The owner is responsible for all expenses and requirements for release from the Jacksonville Animal Shelter. The Jacksonville Animal Shelter will hold stray animals for a minimum of three days before disposition IAW city ordinance. For all other animals (i.e., wild animals) non-housing complaints should notify Civil Engineer Customer Service and for

housing complaints, Privatized Owners should be notified. CE may set up a trap at the facility. The Facility Manager will monitor the trap daily and will notify CE Customer Service if an animal has been caught. For privatized housing areas the PO is responsible for setting the trap, monitor and removal of the captured animal. Refer to [para 1.8.3.1](#) for any stray animals that have been involved in bite/scratch incidents.

1.8. Incidents Involving Animal Bites/Scratches.

1.8.1. Security Forces must notify the 19 MDG Public Health Flight, the base veterinary Service Flight and the privatized housing property manager of all animal bites/scratches that occur on base within 24 hours. After notification is made, the animal will be held in strict quarantine by the owner or the base veterinary clinic for a period of 10 days or other appropriate action, as determined by the 19 MDG Public Health Flight and the veterinary clinic. All animals that die within the quarantine window should be examined for rabies IAW [para 1.5.3](#).

1.8.2. Small house-bound/caged animals need not be quarantined when involved in a biting incident; however, the owner may be directed to present the animal to the base veterinary clinic for examination.

1.8.3. When a wild or exotic animal is involved in a biting incident, 19 MDG Public Health and the base veterinarian will be notified immediately, and Security Forces will contact the Jacksonville Animal Shelter to have them capture the animal. **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE WILL A WILD ANIMAL, TO INCLUDE THOSE KEPT AS PETS UNDER COMMAND WAIVER, BE QUARANTIED AS A RABIES SUSPECT.**

1.8.3.1. When a stray or loose animal has been involved in a bite/scratch incident, Jacksonville Animal Shelter will be contacted to have them capture the animal.

1.8.4. The procedures to deal with animals which are a nuisance, menace, damage property, or are abused or neglected are in the paragraphs below.

1.8.4.1. Any resident may submit a written complaint to the privatized housing office in situations where there is evidence of incidents of an animal creating a nuisance, being a menace, abused or neglected. These complaints will be investigated by the privatized housing office.

1.8.4.2. Complaints of animal abuse or neglect may also be directed the base veterinarian. The base veterinarian will conduct an evaluation of the animal's condition, possible or probable causes, and provide his/her recommendations to 19 MSG/CC or 19 MSG/CD. In justified cases administrative follow-up by the veterinarian should include a report of findings and subsequent follow-up actions to the 19 MSG/CC or 19 MSG/CD. Violations of this section may constitute an offense under state law and possibly subject the offender to prosecution in Arkansas State Court.

1.8.4.3. Complaints received by SFS for animal control problems in housing will be referred to the Privatized Owners Community director at 501-518-0330.

1.8.4.4. For home day care provider pet authorizations refer to AFI 34-144, *Child and Youth Programs*, *para 7.13* or family home daycare coordinator.

Chapter 2

YOUTH SUPERVISION

2.1. General Youth Supervision. For the purpose of this instruction where the word “adult” is used, this represents an individual 18 years of age and over. Parents are any person having legal custody of a minor as a: natural or adoptive parent, legal guardian, and a person to whom legal custody has been given by court order. Parents will ensure family members under the age of 18 comply with this instruction and respond, when required, to the Security Forces Operations Facility to take custody of their family member.

2.2. Responsibilities of commanders and housing personnel. Commanders will ensure assigned personnel having dependents under the age of 18 understand this instruction through commanders’ calls, intro briefings, staff meetings, and other means as required. Hunt housing will be responsible for ensuring civilian personnel residing on base understand this instruction through verbal briefings and resident guidelines.

2.3. Curfew Hours. The established curfew hours for Little Rock AFB are as follows: 2200-0500 hours Monday thru Thursday, 2400-0500 Friday, Saturday, and the nights before Holidays and 2300- 0500 on Sundays. These hours apply to persons under the age of 18 years, unless emancipated. For the purpose of this instructions, where the word “adult” is used, this represents an individual 18 years of age and over. Parents are any person having legal custody of a minor as a: natural or adoptive parent, legal guardian, and a person to whom legal custody has been given by court order. Parents will ensure family members under the age of 18 comply with this instruction and respond, when required, to the security forces operations facility to take custody of their family member.

2.4. Youth Supervision . The ages specified in this instruction are maximum ages based on demonstrated age-appropriate child behavior norms. Children who do not consistently demonstrate behavior consistent with these norms should not be given the same degree of self-management responsibilities. Notwithstanding the guidelines adopted by this base allowing certain activities for children of certain ages, parents are always expected to exercise reasonable judgment and will be held responsible for any incidents or mishaps (not considered preventable). Adults who expose children to substantial risks of serious harm may be charged by authorities with endangering the welfare of a minor.

2.4.1. For specifics on youth supervision guidelines see [Table 2.1](#).

Table 2.1. Youth Supervision Guidelines.

Age Of Child	Left Without Sitter in Quarters for Two Hours or Less	Left Without Sitter in	Left Alone Overnight	Outside Unattended (To Include Playing)	Left In Car Unattended	Child Sit Siblings	Child Sit Others
Newborn- Age 4	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Age 5- 6	No	No	No	Yes; playground or yard with access to adult	No	No	No

Age 7-9	No	No	No	Yes; with access to adult supervision**	Yes, except in hot weather; keys removed and handbrake applied; 15 min in other weather; adult within sight	No	No
Age 10-11	Yes; with ready access (phone number to adult supervision)and both	No	No	Yes	Yes; keys removed and handbrake applied	Yes, 11 years old or 6 th grade minimum to 2 hours maximum and	No
Age 12-14	Yes	Yes during daytime hours	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes* 12 years of age or 7 th grade minimum
Age 15- High School Graduation	Yes	Yes	Yes; children 15 or freshman in high school may be left alone overnight with access to adult supervision and sponsor must be in local area**	Yes	Yes	Yes**	Yes**

* Red Cross babysitting training or equivalent required. Information can be found at : <https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/babysitting/babysitting-child-care-preparation>.

** Adult supervision is defined as someone who has or assumed responsibility for the child, such as a parent, guardian, care provider, or friend and is located at their on-base residence.

2.4.2. Parents, guardians, and caregivers are responsible for and will be held accountable for the conduct and well-being of their children on base. Despite the autonomy given to parents to determine what is appropriate for their children, parents must ensure they stay within the bounds of what ethically, medically, and legally would be considered “reasonable and prudent.”

2.4.3. Children who meet the criteria for the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) require supervision IAW their special needs regardless of their age.

2.4.4. 19th Security Forces will transport parents who are military who fail to supervise their children to the Security Forces operation facility in building 481 for processing. Jacksonville Police Department (JPD) will be contacted, and a unit will be requested to respond for all civilian offenders. 19 SFS will obtain a case number from responding units. Offenders are to be released a parent, or in their absence, an adult relative or neighbor willing to accept responsibility for their custody. All incidents will be documented on AF Form 53/*Security Forces Desk Blotter* and in cases involving a civilian, the case number will be included from JPD. For all military offenders complete an Air Force Justice Information System (AFJIS) report. All AFJIS reports will be forwarded to the sponsor’s commander for command action by the Reports & Analysis office.

2.4.4.1. If the offender's parents or sponsors cannot be contacted/notified, the unit commander/first sergeant of the sponsor will be notified. However, Security Forces will maintain custody until the parents or sponsor is contacted.

2.4.4.2. 19 SFS will forward incident reports to the sponsor, and unit commander. Additionally, the Family Advocacy Office may be notified as well as the Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services.

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Attachment 1

GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

References

DAFI 31-101, *Base Defense Operations, 10 Sept 2024*

AFMAN 48-105, *Public Health Surveillance*

AFI 34-144, *Child and Youth Programs*

AFI 33-322, *Records Management and Information Governance Program*

Adopted Forms

DAF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*

Abbreviations and Acronyms

AFJIS—Air Force Justice Information System

EFMP—Exceptional Family Member Program

EIA—Equine Infectious Anemia **LOW**—Letter of Warning

SFS—Security Forces Squadron

Attachment 2**VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS****A2.1. Immunization and test requirements for privately owned animals on Little Rock AFB.**

A2.1.1. Dogs.

A2.1.2. Rabies.

A2.1.2.1. First immunization - 12-16 weeks of age. A2.1.2.2. Reimmunization - Annually.

A2.1.3. Canine Distemper/Hepatitis/Leptospirosis/Parvovirus Complex.

A2.1.3.1. Initial immunization - Started on an immunization series at 6-8 weeks of age and followed through in accordance with standard vaccination practice.

A2.1.3.2. Reimmunization - Annually.

A2.1.4. Internal parasites. Annual testing with deworming as necessary.

A2.2. Cats.

A2.2.1. Rabies.

A2.2.1.1. First immunization - 12-16 weeks of age. A2.2.1.2. Reimmunization - Annually.

A2.2.2. Feline Panleukopenia/Calcivirus/Rhinotracheitis.

A2.2.2.1. Initial immunization - Started on an immunization series at 6-8 weeks of age and followed through in accordance with standard vaccination practice.

A2.2.2.2. Reimmunization - Annually.

A2.2.3. Internal parasites. Annual testing with deworming as necessary.