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## Control and Care of Pets, Horses, and Transient Animals

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**History.** This publication is a major revision. The portions affected by this revision are listed in the summary of change.

**Summary.** This regulation prescribes policies and procedures for animal control and care on Fort Huachuca.

**Applicability.** This regulation is applicable to all elements of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center of Excellence (USAICoE) and partner activities, including residents and visitors on Fort Huachuca. Military Working Dogs and other dogs used in law enforcement are exempt from this entire regulation except chapter 3-6.

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**Applicability.** Paragraphs 2-1d, 2-2, 2-3b, 3-2, 3-4, 3-5, 3-6, 3-8, and 3-9 of this regulation are punitive and violations of these paragraphs may subject offenders to non-judicial or judicial action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

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## **Chapter 1 - Introduction**

### **1-1. Purpose**

This regulation establishes procedures and prescribes policies concerning care, possession, and control of animals kept on this installation. Animal issues or concerns not covered by this regulation will be forwarded to the Environmental and Natural Resources Division (ENRD), Directorate of Public Works (DPW). This regulation applies to all individuals living, working, or transiting the installation.

### **1-2. References and forms**

Referenced and required publications and forms are listed in the Appendix.

### **1-3. Explanation of abbreviations and terms**

Abbreviations and terms used in this regulation are explained in the Glossary.

### **1-4. Installation Service Responsibilities**

#### **a. The Officer in Charge of the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility**

(1) Is responsible for the overall control and operation of the Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF).

(2) Is responsible for providing veterinary health services as prescribed by AR 40-905, this regulation, and Army Veterinary Service directives.

(3) Will determine whether quarantine of animals involved in bite cases is necessary per Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control.

(4) Will conduct animal disease prevention and control programs to protect personnel, Government-owned animals, and privately-owned animals as authorized.

(5) Will conduct animal welfare evaluations and determine whether the animal(s) in question are abused, neglected, or maltreated.

#### **b. The Director, Directorate of Emergency Services**

(1) Will enforce the applicable requirements of this regulation.

(2) Will assist ENRD (DPW) in responding to animal control complaints when criminal activity is suspected or in emergency situations where life, health, or safety of the public could be effected.

(3) Will forward all requests for assistance to ENRD for animal control on Fort Huachuca. Requests for assistance should indicate the following: who made the request, the person's address and telephone number, the nature of their request, and any additional relevant information.

**c. The Environmental and Natural Resources Division (ENRD), DPW**

- (1) Will respond to all stray animal complaints and impound stray animals.
- (2) Will operate the Fort Huachuca Stray Animal Facility.
- (3) Will respond to and transport all sick or injured stray domestic small animals to the VTF for medical evaluation.
- (4) Will assist the Military Police/Provost Marshal with domestic animal cruelty/neglect complaints involving dogs or cats occurring on the installation.
- (5) Will assist with all animals posing a threat to the public's health or welfare and all animal emergency situations.
- (6) Will provide appropriate documentation to support action taken by the Military Police/Provost Marshal on any violations of this regulation.

**d. Directorate of Family Morale Welfare and Recreation (DFMWR)**

- (1) Representatives of the Buffalo Corral will ensure compliance with this regulation and report violations to Veterinary Services.
- (2) Will develop appropriate plans for the evacuation of animals from the facility in the event of an emergency situation or other ordered evacuation.

**e. Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS): Will aid in the burying of Government-owned equine animals when requested.**

**f. Family childcare providers**

- (1) Will have all animals maintained in the household examined for temperament and health status by the Veterinary Services prior to being certified and on a recurring basis IAW AR 608-10 Child Development Services, but annually at a minimum.
- (2) All animals will be free of internal and external parasites and current on all required vaccinations.

## **Chapter 2 - Policy**

### **2-1. Policy for privately-owned animals**

- a. All animals brought onto or kept on Fort Huachuca are included within the meaning of this regulation. Health, safety, and tranquility of the command make it necessary to impose certain limitations, restrictions, and prohibitions.
- b. Maintaining an animal on this installation is a privilege and is dependent upon the owner or sponsor following this regulation and the animal's continuing ability to live harmoniously within the military community.
- c. The Garrison Commander may withdraw animal keeping privileges or order removal of offending animals when the requirements of this regulation are violated.

d. The following breeds are prohibited on Fort Huachuca: Pit Bulls (American Staffordshire Bull terriers or English Staffordshire Bull terriers), Rottweilers, Doberman Pinschers, Chows, and wolf hybrids, with an exception for service animals or when seeking veterinary care.

## **2-2. Types of animals authorized**

a. Privately-owned domestic animals listed below are authorized to be kept on the installation within the restrictions contained herein:

(1) Domestic dogs; except for prohibited breeds listed in paragraph 2-1d

(2) Domestic cats; excluding hybrids

(3) Horses, mules, ponies, donkeys in designated areas. Intact male equines over 6 months of age will not be maintained on this installation without written consent of Veterinary Services.

(4) Small, caged animals (hamsters, gerbils, guinea pigs, aquarium fish, rabbits)

b. Captive-bred species of common caged birds (excluding pigeons)

c. Wild or non-native animals, livestock other than equines, or any animal not listed above WILL NOT be kept on the installation.

d. Maintenance of privately-owned animals

(1) With exception of service animals, animals will not be kept in barracks, work areas, or other unit facilities. All service animals will be clearly marked and easily identifiable as service animals while outside of a home.

(2) Privately-owned horses may be stabled at the private mount area and will not exceed the number authorized by Buffalo Corral and this regulation.

e. Requests for exceptions to the above, except as noted, will be made in writing, with complete justification, to the Garrison Commander and the Officer in Charge of the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility.

## **2-3. Authorized veterinary services and reimbursements**

a. Government-owned animals

(1) Complete veterinary care will be provided for Government-owned animals.

(2) The appropriate authority for Government-owned animals may authorize civilian veterinary care.

(3) Non-appropriated Fund Instrumentality (NAFI) owned animals (any animal used to generate NAFI income) will be provided veterinary services as Government-owned animals, IAW available time and resources. NAFIs owning animals will reimburse the VTF for the services and supplies at a reduced cost.

**b. Privately-owned animals**

(1) Army services for privately-owned animals will be IAW AR 40-905, this regulation, and Army Veterinary Service directives and subject to the availability of personnel.

(2) Veterinary services (such as treatment, routine surgical procedures, immunizations, and examinations) are authorized for animals owned by personnel who are military I.D. card holders.

(3) Owners of prohibited breeds (per paragraph 2-1d) or animals identified as aggressive are authorized to receive veterinary care on Fort Huachuca for their animals. Prohibited breeds or identified aggressive animals are subject to the following while anywhere on Fort Huachuca:

(a) The animal must be taken directly by the Service Member to the VTF and then taken directly off the installation with no additional detours or stops.

(b) The dog must be muzzled at all times while on the installation. Muzzles placed for purposes of compliance with this provision should be a basket-style muzzle. This type of muzzle allows for greater safety of the owner and of veterinary personnel, and reduces the risk of overheating and respiratory distress of the animal. Owners are encouraged to contact the VTF (520-533-2767) directly if there is any question as to which type of muzzle is most appropriate for their individual pet.

(c) If the dog's medical condition (as determined solely by a VTF veterinarian) is such that placement of a muzzle is not medically advisable, represents direct risk to the animal, or prohibits medical procedures, the dog's muzzle may be removed while under the supervision of VTF personnel, for the purposes of administering medical care.

(d) Dogs may be denied service at the VTF if their temperament prohibits safe handling and represents risk to VTF staff.

(4) Animals maintained for commercial purposes, sale, or profit, such as breeding animals, are not authorized services.

(5) Emergency procedures required to prevent undue suffering or to save the life, limb, or eyesight of the animal may be performed, within the limitations of the facility and at the discretion of the on-duty veterinarian.

(6) Those veterinary procedures commonly recognized by the veterinary profession as cosmetic and elective surgery, to include surgical neutering, will be performed on privately-owned animals as time, personnel, and resources allow.

(7) No boarding of privately-owned animals will be done at the VTF.

**c. Reimbursement**

(1) Privately-owned animals will be cared for to the extent authorized by regulation, and availability of personnel, on a "cost plus" basis IAW AR 40-905 and Army Veterinary Service Directives.

## **Chapter 3 - Procedures**

### **3-1. Appointments and location of the VTF**

#### **a. Appointments**

- (1) Appointments are required (call 533-2767) for all services except bite cases.
- (2) Bite cases will call first if able, but will walk in Monday through Friday during operating hours.
- (3) Animal clinics are held several times weekly upon availability of personnel.

### **3-2. Registration of animals**

#### **a. Dogs and cats**

- (1) All dogs and cats maintained on this installation must be registered at the VTF within 5 business days after assignment of on-post quarters or acquiring the animal(s). Caged birds and small mammals are exempt.
- (2) The animal(s) must have current vaccinations. The vaccination must have been given by a licensed veterinarian. See section 3-3 of this regulation for current vaccine requirements for small animals.
  - (a) Proof of rabies vaccination must be presented in the form of a valid, current rabies vaccination certificate.
  - (b) An animal health record will be established at the VTF and the rabies (and any other) vaccination or treatment information will be recorded in the health record.
  - (c) A rabies tag will be issued upon vaccination at the VTF; and this tag must be attached to the animal's collar and worn by the animal whenever outside of the home. This tag will not knowingly be placed upon any other animal, unless reissued to that animal.
- (3) All Soldiers residing in on-post housing are required to have their pets microchipped within 30 days of acquisition of quarters. If the pets are already microchipped, proof of microchipping and of updated microchip contact information must be provided to the VTF.

#### **b. Equines**

- (1) Equines maintained on the installation (to include horses, mules, ponies, donkeys) will be registered at the VTF and have a health record established.
- (2) All pre-registration requirements of paragraph 3-10 (a) must be met before admission to the installation.
- (3) A quarantine period of at least 14 days is required.

#### **c. Change of ownership or death of an animal**



(1) In the event an animal registered at the VTF is sold or given away, the original owner will be held responsible until the animal is re-registered in the new owner's name or removed from the installation.

(2) The original owner is responsible for notifying the VTF of the change of ownership. The new owner's name and address must be supplied and the new owner must register the animal as outlined in this regulation.

(3) Death of an animal.

(a) If an animal dies, the owner will notify the VTF.

(b) The owner or sponsor is responsible for the proper disposal of the animal's remains.

**d. Transient animals**

(1) Authorized sponsors of animal shows, field trials, and other activities involving bringing animals onto the installation must notify the Veterinary Services 45 days prior to such event. The notification will include the number and species of animals and area of origin.

(2) The following will be available at all times and furnished upon request for all transient animals: Written proof of all immunizations and reportable disease testing; a certificate of health signed by a veterinarian dated within 30 days of entry onto this installation indicating the animal(s) is (are) free of any signs of communicable or infectious disease.

(3) When there is a question as to the health of a transient animal, the Veterinary Service must be notified. The Veterinarian will have the authority to deny entry or cause removal from the installation of any animal determined to be a threat to the health or safety of persons or other animals on this installation.

(4) Animals on the installation belonging to guests of military personnel are the responsibility of the guest's sponsor, and this sponsor will ensure the animal does not present a threat to the health or safety of other persons or animals on the installation and that the principles of this regulation are followed. If the guest's animal will be residing on this installation for a period greater than 14 days, that animal must be registered under the guest's sponsor with the VTF.

(5) Animals residing in the R.V. Park for a period greater than 14 days, must be registered by the sponsor at the VTF.

(6) ANY Equine coming onto post must be quarantined at the VTF even if it belongs to a guest of military personnel.

(7) Owners bringing equines onto the installation temporarily for special events, e.g. rodeos, are exempt from quarantine but are required to provide any requested documentation to the VTF prior to the event to obtain entry.

**3-3. Vaccination of small animals**

a. Canids (dogs). All dogs residing on post are required to have the following vaccinations:

(1) Rabies, with the initial vaccination at 3 months of age and revaccination at 1 year from the initial vaccination and every 1-3 years thereafter depending on the vaccine used and the date of last vaccination.

(2) Distemper, hepatitis, and parvovirus plus or minus leptospirosis, with the initial vaccination at 6 to 8 weeks of age; second at 9 to 12 weeks of age; third at 12 to 16 weeks of age. Revaccinate every 1-3 years depending on the vaccine used and the lifestyle of the animal.

**b. Felids (cats).**

(1) All cats residing on post are required to have the following vaccinations:

(a) Rabies, with the initial vaccination at 3 months of age and revaccination at 1 year from the initial vaccination and every 1-3 years thereafter depending on the vaccine used.

(b) Rhinotracheitis, calici, panleukopenia, and chlamydia with the initial vaccination at 6 to 8 weeks of age; second at 9 to 12 weeks of age; third at 12 to 16 weeks of age; and revaccinate every 1-3 years, depending on the vaccine used and the lifestyle of the animal.

(2) Recommended for cats: Leukemia (after testing for the virus). Initial vaccination at 12 weeks or older; second 3 to 4 weeks after the first; and revaccinate every 1-2 years depending on the vaccine used and the lifestyle of the animal.

**c. Other animals.** Vaccinate all other small animals per current guidelines, regulations, and current standards of the Army Veterinary Service.

**3-4. Responsibilities of animal owners**

**a. Care**

(1) The owner will provide his or her animal(s) with:

(a) Sufficient nutritious, wholesome food to maintain adequate health and well-being of the animal. Clean, potable water must be available at all times. Owners are encouraged to contact Veterinarian Services for advisement on proper nutrition if they are unsure of their animal's nutritional needs.

(b) Proper shelter and protection from the weather. The shelter must provide protection from the sun, rain, snow, wind and cold, and from any weather conditions that may occur. It must be large enough to allow the animal to enter, stand, turn around, and lie down in a natural manner. The shelter must be of a quality and design to afford a healthy and humane environment for the animals it is intended to house. If any doubt of the adequacy of the shelter exists, the final determination will be made by Veterinary Services in coordination with the Military Police. Outdoor shelters such as dog houses and/or runs should be removable, and moved periodically to prevent damage to the area.

(c) Seek immediate veterinary medical consultation for debilitating injuries, parasites, illnesses, and diseases.

**b. Control**

**(1) Owners of animals on this installation are responsible for the actions of their animals and will ensure that the following control measures, at a minimum, are taken:**

**(a) All animals will be under restraint, in an enclosed/fenced area, or designated unrestrained area at all times in such a manner to prevent them from becoming a nuisance or menace to other persons, animals, or property on this installation. Cats are not permitted to be allowed to be unrestrained outdoors.**

**(b) Animals will not make excessively disturbing noises, including, but not limited to, continued and repeated howling, barking, whining, or other utterances causing unreasonable annoyance, disturbance, or discomfort to neighbors or others in close proximity to the premises where the animal is kept or harbored.**

**(c) Animals will not be restrained in any way that could cause the animal to choke or get injured, or any way that restricts access to food, water, and shelter.**

**(d) Animals will not be left unattended in a vehicle or other enclosed space where the temperature is either so high or low or the ventilation is so inadequate as to cause the animal undue distress, suffering, or danger. Animals may not be left unattended in a vehicle or other enclosed space where the environment or space may pose a risk to the animal becoming injured or pose a risk to others; including but not limited to open windows on heightened vehicles or open-bed pickup trucks. Indicators of distress in animals include but are not limited to: excessive panting, drooling, or vocalizing, having trouble breathing, shivering, intensively digging or scratching at the sides of the enclosure, exhibiting pacing or hiding behavior, or unresponsiveness. If an unattended animal in an enclosed space exhibits these or similar behaviors, the Military Police are authorized to use whatever force is reasonable and necessary to remove any animal from a vehicle or other enclosure.**

**(e) The Military Police or ENRD (DPW) are authorized to remove and impound any animal in a life-threatening situation.**

**(f) Premises, enclosures, or surroundings where an animal is kept or harbored will be maintained in a sanitary condition to prevent fouling of the air and insect problems. Waste and feces shall be removed daily.**

**(2) The owner or sponsor of an animal shall be responsible for the removal of any excreta (body waste) deposited by his or her animal(s).**

**(3) The owner or sponsor of an animal kept or harbored on this installation is responsible for any and all damages to government or private property caused by his or her animal(s) as a result of owner negligence.**

**c. Public areas and transient quarters**

**(1) To prevent the contamination of soil by animal feces or urine and possible transmission of parasitic diseases to humans, the following areas are "OFF LIMITS" to animals at all times: playgrounds, school yards, golf courses, athletic fields, and swimming pool enclosures except when participating in a designated and authorized event.**

**(2) To prevent possible injury to joggers animals are not permitted on jogging trails or authorized physical training routes during organized runs or during PT hours (0530- 0730 M-F).**

(3) Animals are not permitted at community events where crowds will be present, with the exception of B-Troop ceremonial horses, military working dogs, service animals, or when participating in a designated and authorized event.

(4) Animals are not permitted in public buildings except those designated for their use or care. Government-owned and service animals in the performance of their duties are exempt.

(5) For service animals, an exception may be made for those areas as authorized by public law. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, allows these animals to go anywhere their owners are authorized as long as they are under control.

**d. Disposition of animals**

(1) The privilege of keeping an animal on this installation carries with it the responsibility to supply proper care for the animal and to effect proper disposition of the animal when the owner or sponsor departs this installation or no longer wants or can keep the animal.

(2) Proper disposition of an animal entails finding it a new home either on or off-post.

(3) Personnel who have animals registered on this installation and who are departing it permanently must clear through the VTF and pick up the animal's health records.

(4) Under no circumstances will owners or sponsors abandon animals. Abandonment includes failure to claim animals that have been impounded as strays. Personnel whom ~~attempt~~ to abandon animals are responsible for all costs until they claim their animals and are subject to administrative action and criminal charges being filed.

(5) Owners who are unable to continue care/ownership of their animals for any reason will contact the Fort Huachuca Veterinarian Clinic or ENRD (DPW) for advisement on how to properly surrender ownership of their animal.

**e.** In the event of a disease outbreak on or near Fort Huachuca all animal owners will abide by any emergency precautions and quarantine procedures required by federal or state agencies, or any other health agencies, as well as those required by regulation or the Officer in Charge of the Fort Huachuca Veterinary Treatment Facility

**f. Missing animals**

(1) The owner or sponsor of a missing animal is responsible for contacting ENRD (DPW) at (520-678-8112).

(2) Searches for missing or stray animals will not be conducted in training, testing, or range areas until authorized by Range Control.

**g.** Failure to follow any aspect of these policies may result in an administrative action or criminal charges and possible impoundment of animal(s).

**h.** Pets that come into contact with wildlife will be reported to ENRD (DPW) at (520) 678-8112 for instructions regarding medical care and/or testing for potential diseases.

### **3-5. Actions concerning violations**

a. Impoundment and citations: The Military Police and ENRD (DPW) have the authority to impound an animal if it is determined that it is necessary to protect the public or the animal. Administrative action or criminal charges can be filed against owners or sponsors for failing to comply with any requirements of this regulation.

#### **b. Stray animals**

(1) Animals will be impounded at the Fort Huachuca stray facility.

(2) Reasonable efforts will be taken by ENRD (DPW) personnel to identify and locate the owner.

(3) Unclaimed animals will be kept for 3 days, at which time they will become property of the government. After the third day, the animal may be turned over to a municipal animal control facility possessing a current MOU with Ft. Huachuca. Personnel whom abandon animals are responsible for all costs until they claim their animals and are subject to administrative action and criminal charges being filed.

(4) Animals that are sick or so injured that medical treatment, as determined by the veterinarian, is not feasible will be euthanized to prevent further suffering.

#### **c. Impoundment**

(1) Authorities impounding the animal will take whatever precautions are needed to protect themselves, their employees, and the public.

(2) Military Police or ENRD (DPW) will apprehend and impound any animal involved in a bite or scratch incident on Fort Huachuca when the animal's owner or sponsor is not known, cannot be located, or refuses to follow the quarantine procedures. ENRD (DPW) and Military Police can use a tranquilizer gun or lethal force on animals if needed to protect themselves and/or the public.

(3) Fees associated the Impoundment of an animal and/or associated veterinary care will be paid at the owner's expense if the owner is found liable for the cause of impoundment.

#### **a. Release of animals from impoundment**

(1) Owners or sponsors authorized to obtain the release of impounded animals may do so by contacting ENRD (DPW) to schedule a pick up time by calling (520) 678-8112.

#### **b. Suspension of animal keeping privileges**

(1) ENRD (DPW), Veterinary Services, or the Military Police may recommend immediate suspension of animal keeping privileges at any time there is evidence the owner or sponsor has failed to exercise proper care of or responsibility for the animal, or if the animal is deemed unsuitable for community. In such cases, no warning letters will be sent; but the owner or sponsor will be provided an opportunity to respond prior to final revocation. When ENRD (DPW), Veterinary Services, or the Military Police deem necessary, the animal may be impounded during the reply period. The Garrison Commander will make the final decision as to suspension of animal keeping privileges or removal of animals from the installation.

### **3-6. Animal bite and scratch incidents**

(1) The owner or sponsor of an animal, which has been identified as the animal involved in a bite or scratch incident will comply fully with the quarantine or rabies control procedures set forth in AR 40-905, the Compendium of Animals Rabies Prevent and Control, and local veterinary policy.

(2) A bite or scratch incident is defined as an incident which results in an animal or human being bitten or scratched by a wild or owned animal.

(3) All animals involved in a bite or scratch incident must be quarantined until physical evaluation by a veterinarian can be conducted.

(4) Upon examination of the animal, the veterinarian will recommend appropriate further action in order to determine if the animal has rabies, which may include further quarantine or rabies testing.

(5) Animals for which there is no known owner will be assessed and dispositioned appropriately in keeping with the Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control.

(6) Animals that have bitten or scratched a person and subsequently die must be delivered IMMEDIATELY to the VTF in order to initiate laboratory examination for rabies.

### **3-7. Procedures to declare an animal dangerous/vicious**

a. The Installation Veterinarian, ENRD (DPW), and Directorate of Emergency Services have the authority to declare an animal dangerous/vicious. The authorities will consider:

(1) The animal's previous history of biting or causing injury (one prior bite incident is sufficient to declare an animal dangerous).

(2) The nature and extent of the injuries inflicted and the number of people and/or animals involved.

(3) Whether the animal exhibits characteristics of being trained for fighting or attack.

(4) Whether the animal exhibits characteristics of aggressive or unpredictable temperament in the presence of human beings or other animals.

(5) The manner in which the animal has been maintained by the owner or sponsor, to include evidence concerning the maintenance of the animal and regarding the ability of the owner or sponsor and of the authorities to protect the public safety in the future if the animal is permitted to remain on the installation.

b. Actions required if animal is declared dangerous/vicious

(a) The Garrison Commander may require the owner or sponsor to remove the animal from the installation. The animal must immediately be removed from the installation. The owner may have the animal euthanized at owner's expense in lieu of removing the animal.

(b) The Installation Veterinarian can recommend euthanasia of an animal. If the owner wishes to keep the animal in possession, the animal must be removed from the installation.

c. Avenue of appeal. The owner or sponsor of an animal declared dangerous/vicious may file an appeal to the Garrison Commander within 10 business days.

(1) Appeals conducted under this regulation will be informal. Neither the military Rules of Evidence nor the provisions of AR 15-6 will apply. This regulation does not create or expand any substantive or procedural rights that do not otherwise exist

(2) Appeals pursuant to this regulation are intended only to afford an affected person the opportunity to present any matters to the Garrison Commander before he or she renders a final decision.

(3) Individuals should send a letter of appeal, stating why the Garrison Commander should take a different action and provide any support documentation. The appeal letter and support documentation should be mailed to the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, within 10 business days from the date of notification of suspension or revocation of the privilege.

(4) The affected individual will be notified, in writing, of the Garrison Commander's final decision as soon as practicable after it is rendered. The notice will be delivered via Garrison personnel, the affected individuals' chain of command, or certified mail.

(5) Files related to hearings will be kept by the OSJA, for no less than five years.

### **3-8. Reporting violations**

#### **a. Procedures for reporting violations**

(1) An individual may contact the Provost Marshal's Office in situations where there is evidence that the requirements of this regulation have been violated.

(2) The Military Police will investigate all complaints and have authority to impound an animal while the investigation is being conducted. The animal will be housed at an animal control facility during this investigation. Every effort will be made to conduct this investigation in a timely manner.

(3) If a probable cause determination is made by OSJA that abuse/neglect occurred by the owner, then a letter will be provided stating that charges may be filed. When this letter is provided, the owner must elect whether they choose to request reconsideration on this determination or not. If they choose not to request reconsideration, the owner may be charged and the animal will become property of the U.S. government. If a request for reconsideration is elected, the owner will have three business days to submit a written request to the Garrison Commander. If, based on the information provided and after coordination with OSJA, it is determined there is no probable cause that abuse/neglect occurred then the request for reconsideration will be granted and the animal may be returned to the owner. If the request is denied, then charges may be filed against the owner and the animal will become property of the U.S. government. The final disposition of the animal will be determined by the GC or delegated representative.

(4) If a probable cause determination is made by OSJA that abuse/neglect occurred by a third party that is not the owner, then a letter will be provided to the third party stating that charges may be filed. When this letter is provided, the third party must elect whether they choose to request reconsideration of this determination or not. If they choose not to request reconsideration, the third party may be charged and, if possible, the animal will be returned to the owner. If the owner is not available, then the animal will become U.S. government property

and appropriate disposition of the animal will be determined by the GC or delegated representative. If a request for reconsideration is elected, the third party will have three business days to submit a written request to the Garrison Commander. If, based on the information provided and after coordination with OSJA, it is determined there is no probable cause that abuse/neglect occurred then the request will be granted and the animal may be returned to the third party. If the request is denied, then charges may be filed against the third party and the animal will be returned to the owner, if possible. If the owner is not available, then the animal will become U.S. government property and appropriate disposition of the animal will be determined by the GC or delegated representative.

b. Individuals who see an animal showing unusual or threatening behavior should report it immediately to the Military Police by dialing 911.

### **3-9. Disposal of dead animals**

a. Owners or sponsors are responsible for proper disposal of their animals that die on the installation.

b. Owners who have any questions regarding animal disposition policies or procedures should contact the Veterinary Services for advice.

c. Domestic animals that were involved in an incident regarding scratches, bites, unusual/aggressive behavior, and/or contact with wildlife and then subsequently die will be immediately recovered by ENRD (DPW) for storage and reported to the installation veterinarian.

### **3-10. Requirements for equine animals**

1. Prior to entrance all equines entering Fort Huachuca to be stabled here must:

(a) Have been vaccinated against Eastern and Western Equine Encephalomyelitis; tetanus; equine influenza; equine rhinopneumonitis (Equine Herpesvirus types 1 and 4); and rabies. Other vaccinations may be required depending upon the incidence of disease in the area. The animal must have received the initial series or annual re-vaccination against the above diseases within the past 12 months. Required vaccinations may be administered during initial quarantine (at owner's expense).

(b) Have a negative Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) (Coggins Test) within 12 months of entry onto the installation or during initial quarantine (at owner's expense). Proof of the negative test for EIA must be on the current edition of the U.S. Department of Agriculture EIA Laboratory Report (Veterinary Service Form 10-11).

(c) Have been dewormed with a praziquantel-containing equine dewormer within the last 3 months or during initial quarantine (at the owner's expense).

(d) Be accompanied by a certificate of veterinary inspection documenting compliance with all current Arizona State Veterinarian's Office requirements for equines entering the state, if the animal is transported from outside of Arizona.

(e) All health records (including written proof of required vaccinations, required deworming, negative EIA test and certificate of veterinary inspection, if applicable) will be presented to the VTF at or prior to the time the animal enters initial quarantine. Written documentation submitted must be signed by a licensed veterinarian to be considered



acceptable.

## **2. Initial quarantine procedures**

(a) Owners will comply with all current VTF and Buffalo Corral procedures for equine entry into, maintenance during, and exit from the initial quarantine.

(b) All equines to be stabled on Fort Huachuca will be presented for examination by a licensed veterinarian before entering quarantine. If this is not possible, then the animal will be examined on the first business day after entering quarantine.

(c) Appointments are necessary for the initial quarantine exam. The VTF or a civilian veterinarian may be utilized for this examination; however, the VTF must be notified of all incoming equines.

(d) Quarantine period will be a minimum of 14 days.

(e) Animals that are apparently sick may be denied entry into quarantine or the quarantine period extended, at the discretion of the veterinarian performing the initial entry exam, based on history and clinical signs.

(f) Animals in quarantine will not leave the immediate vicinity of the quarantine stalls.

(g) Animals in quarantine will not be allowed contact with other animals from Buffalo Corral or any other equines.

(h) Owners will report any evidence of illness or unusual behavior in a quarantined animal immediately.

(i) Quarantine stalls must be cleaned (feces picked up and water trough emptied/scrubbed) daily and at the end of the quarantine period. Horses in quarantine must be fed and provided clean, fresh water daily by the owner.

(j) An exit quarantine examination is required. This examination may be performed by the VTF or a civilian veterinarian, and will be performed in accordance with current VTF procedures.

## **3. Maintenance on Fort Huachuca**

(a) All equines stabled on the installation will:

(1) Be revaccinated every 12 months (at a minimum; more frequent vaccination may be formed based on recommendation of a veterinarian) against Eastern and Western Equine Encephalomyelitis; tetanus; equine influenza; equine rhinopneumonitis (Equine Herpesvirus types 1 and 4); and rabies. Other vaccinations may be required depending upon the incidence of disease in the area.

(2) Be tested for EIA at least every 12 months.

(3) Be dewormed in accordance with current VTF policies.

(b) The owner or lessee may use the services of a civilian veterinarian. Written proof of vaccinations, deworming, and EIA testing will be provided to the Buffalo Corral Riding Stables management, and available to Veterinary Services personnel within five business days of completion.

(c) No live vaccine will be given to any equine animal kept on this installation without first obtaining permission from the Installation Veterinarian.

(d) All equine animals kept on the installation shall be subject to examination and testing for any infectious or communicable disease(s) as deemed necessary to protect the health of the Government-owned equine animals.

#### **4. Re-quarantine**

(a) At the discretion of the Installation Veterinarian, equines removed from Fort Huachuca may be required to undergo quarantine upon reentry. The need for quarantine will be determined by type of activity, the length of time the equine is gone, incidence of disease in the area, and other considerations.

(b) Any equine gone from the installation for 30 days or longer will be quarantined for a minimum of 14 days upon return to the installation.

5. **Safeguards:** In the interest of protecting Government-owned equines, Veterinary Services must be advised of any infectious and/or communicable disease(s) occurring in any privately owned equines stabled on the installation.

### **3-11. Service Animals**

1. In accordance with 36 CFR Section 104, service animal means any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not service animals.

2. All service animals will be clearly marked and easily identifiable as service animals while outside of a home.

3. Service animals that are of breeds on the prohibited breed list (per paragraph 2-1d) are authorized to enter the installation and are authorized to receive veterinary care from the VTF.

4. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, an exemption may be made to allow service animals into areas normally prohibited to animals; such as golf courses, swimming pools, and other designated off-limits areas.

### **3-12. Clearing the Installation**

1. All military personnel who maintain cats, dogs, and/or equines on the installation are required to clear Veterinary Services prior to final clearance of Fort Huachuca. Health certificates may be required based on the animal's destination; contact the VTF for the latest guidance and requirements.

**Appendix**  
**References**

**Section I**  
**Required Publications**

**AR 40-905**  
Veterinary Health Services.

**Compendium of Animal Rabies Prevention and Control, National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians**

**The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990**

**Title 40, US Code, Section 3103**  
Admission of guide dogs or other service animals accompanying individuals with disabilities

**Section II**  
**Related publications**

**AR 40-3**  
Medical, Dental, and Veterinary Care.

**State and Federal Health Requirements and Regulations**

**Title 9, Code of Federal Regulations**  
Animals and Animal Products

**Section II**  
**Referenced Forms**

**DA Form 2028**  
Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms

**Veterinary Service Form 10-11**  
U.S. Department of Agriculture Equine Infectious Anemia Laboratory Report

**Glossary**

**Section I**  
**Abbreviations**

**AR**  
Army Regulation

**DEERS**  
Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System

**DHS**

**DOD**

Department of Defense

**EIA**

Equine Infectious Anemia

**ENRD (DPW)**

Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Directorate of Public Works

**FCC**

Family Child Care

**NAFI**

Non-appropriated fund instrumentality

**VTF**

Veterinary Treatment Facility

**Section II**

**Terms**

**Army Veterinary Service**

An integral part of the Army Medical Department. It is composed of the Assistant Surgeon General for Veterinary Services, Veterinary Corps Officers, warrant officers, enlisted personnel, and civilian personnel assigned to accomplish the mission.

**Government-owned animal**

An animal that is owned, maintained, or managed by a military or Federal agency or activity. Stray animals are Government-owned animals until disposition is made; that is, until euthanized, adopted, or released to civilian authorities. NAFI-owned animals are considered Government-owned animals except that reimbursement is required for expendable medical items and supplies according to AR 40-905.

**Equine**

Any horse, pony, mule or donkey.

**Impoundment**

The taking of an animal into custody by the Military Police.

**Personnel authorized DOD medical care**

Those persons enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS).

**Privately-owned animal**

An animal owned and maintained by an individual owner. This includes stray animals claimed by their owner.

**Service animal**

In accordance with 36 CFR Section 104, service animal means any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. Other species of animals, whether wild or domestic, trained or untrained, are not service animals for the purposes of this definition.

**Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF)**

A facility utilized for an animal disease prevention and control program by the U.S. Army Veterinary Service. The VTF serves as the operation base for the veterinary community health mission, rabies control program, health care support of animals, administrative support of the programs, and associated functions.