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This instruction implements AFD 31-2, *Law Enforcement*, and applies to all personnel having pets on Eielson AFB, including visitors. This instruction establishes procedures to control pets on the installation. Small caged animals such as guinea pigs, hamsters, gerbils, and birds are excluded. All other rodents, primates, skunks, raccoons, exotic felines, ferrets, marsupials, reptiles, insects, spiders, wolf hybrids, pit bulls, American Staffordshire Terrier, English Staffordshire Bull Terrier and wild animals requiring special permits may not be kept as pets on the installation.

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SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

This document is substantially revised and must be completely reviewed.

1. Terms Defined:

- 1.1. Pet -- A domestic dog or cat.
- 1.2. Nuisance -- Any condition causing unreasonable annoyance to either residents or persons using public areas.
- 1.3. Commercial Enterprise -- Breeding for sale more than one litter per year, or keeping more than one female for breeding and selling offspring for profit.
- 1.4. Estrus -- The breeding season of a female animal.

1.5. Animal's Domicile -- The pet's dwelling, including the owner's quarters, and immediate area outside the quarters.

1.6. Leash Law -- Pets will be on leash outside of the animal's domicile and under control of a responsible person capable of completely restraining the animal if it becomes aggressive. Pets may be exercised off-leash in uninhabited areas if control of the pet can be maintained by voice command.

1.7. Voice Control -- An animal is under the control of a mature, responsible adult at least 18 years old. The animal must quickly respond to the voice commands and the pet must be within eyesight at all times.

2. Responsibilities:

2.1. The 354th Security Forces Squadron (354 SFS):

2.1.1. Enforces all provisions contained within this instruction.

2.1.2. Ensures all reported/observed stray animals or animals involved in unprovoked attacks/bites are captured, picked up and impounded at the Eielson Veterinary Clinic (EVC).

2.1.3. Ensures a detailed blotter entry or incident report concerning action taken is accomplished and ensures appropriate impoundment or release documentation is provided to the EVC.

2.2. Eielson Veterinary Clinic:

2.2.1. Examines, immunizes, and provides quarantine instructions for privately owned pets on Eielson AFB.

2.2.2. Examines animals suspected to be rabid.

2.2.3. Maintains impounded animals captured on the installation until final disposition.

2.2.4. Maintains accurate records of all impounded animals and those involved in bites/attacks for reporting to the 354th Mission Support Group Deputy Commander (354 MSG/CD) for action, if necessary.

2.3. The 354th Civil Engineer Squadron (354 CES), Environmental Support Section will remove carcasses of all unclaimed deceased animals when owner can't be identified and when notified by the base populace or Security Forces.

2.4. Pet Owners:

2.4.1. Will register their pets with the EVC within 3 duty days of arrival on base. All pets will be vaccinated as required by Alaska state statutes, to include an annual distemper combination for dogs and cats. The rabies vaccination tag can be from somewhere else, and will serve as the base registration tag. The tag must be securely fastened to the animal's collar or harness, and must be worn whenever the animal is outside the owner's quarters.

2.4.2. Are responsible for any and all expenses incurred to comply with this instruction.

2.4.3. Will adhere to the leash law at all times.

2.4.4. Will not walk their pets in other people's yards, school yards, picnic areas, sports fields, or anywhere it may become a public nuisance.

2.4.5. Will make sure unattended pets are on a restraining device which will prevent their access to public sidewalks, roadways, or other yards.

2.4.6. Will not treat their pets inhumanely or cruelly by leaving them outside for unreasonable periods of time, or being left without sufficient food and water. Pets maintained outside must have adequate shelter from the elements. Pets suspected of receiving inhumane treatment may be impounded by Security Forces for evaluation, after coordination with the EVC.

2.4.7. Must remove animal feces from their home and yard daily, or more frequently to prevent a public health hazard. Animal feces must be removed from public areas immediately.

2.4.8. Are responsible for all property damage caused by their pets.

3. Control Measures:

3.1. Pets may be kept in all on-base family housing units and in unaccompanied housing located at 664 Deborah Loop, 668 Deborah Loop and 2581 Borealis Circle. Pets may not be kept in unaccompanied dormitory facilities or in any lodging facilities. **Pit Bulldogs, American Staffordshire Terrier, or English Staffordshire Bull Terrier (full or mixed breed), wolf hybrids, and/or any canine breed whose traits are geared towards aggression are not permitted in Military Family Housing (MFH).** Minks, ferrets, pot-bellied pigs, and all exotic animals (snakes, spiders, rodents, scorpions) are prohibited. Dormitory residents are allowed to keep other animals (e.g. tropical fish, gerbils, guinea pigs).

3.2. Security Forces will transport all stray animals to the EVC and will accomplish a detailed blotter entry. Owners will not be allowed to pick up their pets from the EVC until reporting to the Security Forces Control Center (SFCC) and signing an Animal Release Letter.

3.3. The Security Forces Administration Branch (354 SFS/SFA) and EVC personnel will maintain Animal Impoundment Control Records.

3.4. For animals who have bitten someone, or who are suspected of having rabies, contact the EVC for instructions.

3.5. Pets must be controlled indoors and outdoors to the extent they may not bark excessively, threaten, or bite visitors.

3.6. Security Forces may remove from quarters and yards unattended pets creating excessive nuisance complaints or presenting an undue hazard to the base populace.

3.7. If a pet is capable of jumping over or squeezing under its fence, additional restraint is required.

3.8. Breeding or raising animals in family housing for food consumption, show, or commercial purposes is prohibited.

3.9. Family housing occupants and occupants of unaccompanied housing located at 664 Deborah Loop, 668 Deborah Loop, and 2581 Borealis Circle may maintain no more than two pets, unless authorized in writing by the 354 MSG/CD. Owners have 10 weeks following birth to dispose of litters.

3.10. Pets in estrus will not be left unattended outside the quarters.

3.11. Design, construction, and location of dog houses in family housing areas and unaccompanied housing located at 664 Deborah Loop, 668 Deborah Loop, and 2581 Borealis Circle must be coordinated and approved through the Housing Management Office.

4. Violation Actions:

4.1. Loose or stray animals.

4.1.1. Security Forces will attempt to impound any animal found or reported running loose on the installation. Notification and the appropriate documentation will be provided to the EVC. Once an animal has been picked up, it cannot be released to its owner until the requirements specified in paragraph 4.1.3. have been met.

4.1.2. EVC personnel will keep impounded animals and attempt to identify the owner. If ownership cannot be established due to lack of registration tags, the animal will be kept for 3 duty days, and if not claimed within that period, it will be disposed of IAW AFJI 48-131, *Veterinary Health Services*.

4.1.3. The owner may obtain the release of an animal held in the EVC as a stray by contacting Security Forces and completing an Animal Release Letter. The owner will be responsible for paying the EVC an administrative fee of \$25.00 plus \$5.00 per day impoundment fee for the first offense. For all subsequent offenses, a \$50.00 administrative fee and \$5.00 per day impoundment fee will apply. Owner will pay all veterinary medical costs associated with the animal while impounded. Fees are subject to change, without notice.

4.1.4. Should an animal be impounded a second time for running loose, in addition to the above stated procedures, the EVC will send a letter of warning to the owner via 354 MSG/CD, requiring a reply. The owner must provide written justification for being allowed to retain the animal on the installation. This reply will be routed back to the 354 MSG/CD for approval and filed by the EVC in the animals records.

4.1.5. If the animal has been permitted to remain on the installation after the second impoundment, and is then impounded a third time, the owner will be notified in writing, as stated above, that the animal must be removed from the installation within 24 hours of receipt of the notification. At the discretion of the EVC, the animal can be retained in the EVC at the owner's expense until arrangements can be made for the animal's permanent removal from base. The animal will be released to the owner after all applicable fees have been paid. The animal will not be allowed to return to the installation without written approval of the 354 MSG/CD. Written requests must be submitted to 354 MSG/CD (through 354 SFS) and fully justify the owner's request for an exception to this policy.

4.1.6. When an animal is impounded by Security Forces and is presented to the EVC seriously ill or injured, and the owner cannot be identified or contacted, the EVC is authorized to provide the necessary veterinary care IAW AFJI 48-131.

4.2. Incidents involving animal bites.

4.2.1. The owner of an animal which bites a person will fully comply with quarantine procedures established by the EVC.

4.2.2. Security Forces may investigate the circumstances in cases where there is question about whether or not the bite was provoked, and will report their findings to the appropriate commander and the EVC. An AF Form 1168, *Statement of Suspect/Witness/Complaint*, will be completed and required information forwarded to the EVC for unprovoked bites.

4.2.3. Security Forces may impound any animal involved in any bite/attack, or as directed by the EVC.

4.2.4. The second time that an animal is involved in an unprovoked bite/attack, the animal will be removed from the installation within 24 hours following the established quarantine period, unless a written waiver is granted by the 354 MSG/CD. This waiver, if granted, will be placed in the animal's health records at the EVC. For all cases involving provoked bites/attacks, the 354 MSG/CD with the advice of the EVC will determine the status of the animal.

4.3. Incidents involving risk of serious bodily injury.

4.3.1. Security Forces will make every reasonable attempt to impound the animal.

4.3.2. If Security Forces determine impoundment is impossible, and an imminent risk of serious bodily injury is present, Security Forces may employ their duty weapons and use deadly force IAW AFI 31-207, Arming and Use of Force by Air Force Personnel, and other applicable instructions.

4.3.2.1. If time and sound operational risk management (ORM) permit, Security Forces will notify and obtain approval from the Chief, Security Forces (CSF) prior to using deadly force on the animal.

4.3.2.2. Complete all appropriate statements, reports, and duty status actions if firearms are discharged.

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