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**ANDERSEN AFB/CONTROL
OF PETS AND STRAY ANIMALS**

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This instruction implements AFD 31-2, *Law Enforcement*. It establishes policy, responsibility and procedures for controlling privately owned pets and stray animals. It applies to all persons who live, work or visit Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) and property under its jurisdiction.

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

This document is substantially revised and must be completely reviewed.

This ABWI 31-202 replaces the previous ABWI 31-202 dated 25 Jun 98. Updates 36th Support Group (SPTG) to 36th Mission Support Group (MSG). Keep vicious animals indoors or in approved fenced areas. Do not tie pets to government property. Pets are not authorized in parks or playgrounds.

1. Policy : Pets and stray animals must be strictly controlled on Andersen AFB. Pets not cared for and strays jeopardize the health, safety, and security of people who work, live and play on Andersen AFB. Under no circumstances are base residents allowed to feed stray animals without complying with registration and immunization requirements.

- 1.1. The 36th Mission Support Group Commander (36 MSG/CC) is the delegated authority for all matters pertaining to pet control on Andersen AFB. This includes authority to order removal, impoundment, or destruction of pets and/or stray animals.
- 1.2. Owning a pet on Andersen AFB is a privilege granted by the 36th Air Base Wing Commander (36 ABW/CC). A maximum of three pets per family will be permitted. Pets are considered dogs, cats, gerbils, birds, and hamsters. Any combination of three is authorized. To exceed this limit, written authorization must be received from the 36 MSG/CC. Farm, ranch or wild/exotic (monkeys, snakes, etc) animals are prohibited in Military Family Housing. Breeding or raising of animals for shows or

commercial purposes is prohibited, as is operating a commercial-type kennel in MFH. A litter may be kept for seven days after the age of mandatory registration has been reached.

1.3. Pets such as cats and dogs must be on a leash or in a fenced area at all times when outside the family quarters. The leash or fence must be sturdy enough to prevent escape. If the pet is leashed outside, the leash will be no longer than 8 feet, must be in the rear of the quarters opposite the street, and unable to reach sidewalks, streets or other public access areas. Pets will not be leashed outside unsupervised for more than 8 hours. Pets will not be left outside during inclement weather without sufficient shelter or protection from the weather. Additionally, pets will not be left unattended in automobiles.

1.4. Under no circumstances are base residents allowed to feed or house stray animals without complying with registration and immunization requirements. Additionally, base residents may not kill or destroy registered or stray animals on base. Euthanasia is authorized and administered by United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) or veterinarians only.

1.5. For stray animal control, first contact Andersen Security Forces Control Center at 366-2910/11/12, secondly contact USDA 366-3261, pager 720-7578.

1.6. Under no circumstances are base residents allowed to feed or keep brown tree snakes as pets.

2. Responsibilities:

2.1. The 36 MSG/CC reviews pet violation reports.

2.2. 36 MSG/CC will order owners to remove animals from the installation if the animals have been involved in repeat incidents or other inappropriate behavior or if the animal have been determined to be dangerous or uncontrollable.

2.3. Unit commanders will:

2.3.1. Brief unit personnel on the requirements of this regulation and ensure compliance.

2.3.2. Enforce this regulation and notify security forces and 36 MSG/CC when a person's privilege should be revoked.

2.3.3. Make sure people register their pets at the base veterinarian clinic within 30 days of arrival.

2.3.4. Enforce violation and termination letters issued by 36 MSG/CC.

2.3.5. Ensure all personnel with registered pets out-process the base veterinarian prior to PCS moves.

2.4. Pet owners will:

2.4.1. Ensure pets don't disturb or annoy anyone by excessive barking, howling, digging lawns, or leaving excrement on other lawns.

2.4.2. Keep pets properly fed, watered, housed and safeguarded at all times.

2.4.3. Notify the base Conservation Officer immediately when a pet escapes.

2.4.4. Remove female dogs and cats in estrus (heat) from base or confine them within the owner's quarters.

- 2.4.5. Reimburse the base animal shelter or Yigo Animal Shelter for the cost of keeping the pet in custody.
- 2.4.6. Remove animal waste from yards immediately and bag prior to putting it in the trash.
- 2.4.7. Be fully responsible for immunizing their pets and registering all pets with the base veterinarian within 30 days after arrival. This includes having a microchip implant, if not already done. The military sponsor is the responsible person in each household. For military couples, the senior member is responsible for ensuring compliance with this instruction.
- 2.4.8. Notify the 36th Medical Group's Family Care Clinic and the Andersen Security Forces Control Center anytime a pet bites or scratches someone.
- 2.4.9. Keep rabies/registration tag attached to the collar or harness worn by the pet at all times.
- 2.4.10. Be held responsible for pets, which attack or harass someone.
- 2.4.11. Keep vicious animals indoors or in approved fenced areas behind the quarters (opposite street side). Note: Vicious means any animal, which by nature, disposition, or training could reasonably be expected to cause injury to humans, especially children that inadvertently wander into the area.
- 2.4.12. Ensure pets remain on leash while being walked and escort is at least 10 years old.
- 2.4.13. Not tie pets to government property, such as trees, shrubs, fences, or quarters.
- 2.5. Chief of Security Forces will:
 - 2.5.1. Provide personnel and equipment to transport and house stray animals with no apparent owners.
 - 2.5.2. Stray animals will be transported either by USDA, Security Forces, or Yigo Animal Shelter for final disposition.
 - 2.5.3. Prior to using firearms to destroy stray animals, personnel will notify ASFCC and the Air Traffic Control Tower when operating in areas adjacent to the flightline.
 - 2.5.4. When pets with tags are recovered, security forces personnel will attempt to contact the owner of the pet using the Pet Owner Roster provided by the base veterinarian. If the owner cannot be contacted, the first sergeant or supervisor of the sponsor will retrieve and hold the animal until the owner can be contacted. Pet owners are responsible for cleaning the kennel/holding area prior to departure with their pet.
 - 2.5.5. Pet owners will be charged with failure to control their pet IAW this instruction.
 - 2.5.6. Will request 36th Civil Engineering Squadron support when dead animals are found which have died by other means.
 - 2.5.7. Enforce this regulation.
 - 2.5.8. Work with the base veterinarian and civil engineering to capture or destroy stray animals.
 - 2.5.9. Advise 36 MSG/CC of pet violation incidents and any history of prior incidents involving the same pet and pet owner.

2.6. 36 CES/CC will:

- 2.6.1. Work with the base veterinarian to develop methods to control stray animals.
- 2.6.2. Employ traps to capture stray animals, ensuring they are checked daily. Traps may be safely used anywhere on the installation. When Yigo Animal Shelter cannot accommodate stray animals, 36 CES/CEV, when authorized by the 36 SFS/CC or 36 SFS/SFO, is authorized to use firearms to dispose of stray animals. When the owner of an animal with a tag/microchip cannot be identified, it will not be destroyed. It will be transported to Yigo Animal Shelter at the earliest opportunity.
- 2.6.3. Pick up dead carcasses found on base and dispose of them in coordination with the base veterinarian.
- 2.6.4. Provide support as necessary in disposing of stray animals that have been destroyed. Animals may be disposed of at the installation landfill.
- 2.6.5. Provide 36 SFS with a holding area for pets and proper guidance for disposal of waste.

2.7. 36 SVS/CC will:

- 2.7.1. Serve as the installation OPR for registering all pets. All personnel residing on base will be required to register their pets and have a microchip implanted for identification purposes. If pets have a microchip implant that can be read, having another microchip implant is not necessary.
- 2.7.2. Animals quarantined in the base kennel, will not be released until they have had a microchip implanted. Pet owners will be responsible for any fees associated with implanting microchips.
- 2.7.3. Provide rabies immunization and registration for all privately owned pets at owner's expense.
- 2.7.4. Examine animals involved in biting or scratching incidents when the victim reports to the clinic for treatment.
- 2.7.5. Provide a computerized list of registered pets to 36 SFS/SFOP.
- 2.7.6. Work with 36 SFS and 36 CES to develop methods for controlling stray animals.

2.8. MDOS/CC will ensure USAF Clinic notifies Andersen Security Forces Control Center and Military Public Health when persons report for treatment from animal bites or scratches.

3. General Requirements:

- 3.1. Animals are not permitted (except seeing eye dogs and military working dogs) in clinic buildings, food service facilities, base exchange, commissary, theaters, service clubs, dormitories, transient billets, swimming pools, beaches, parks or play grounds, or other places where they may create a health, safety, or security hazard, or be a nuisance. Animals that create a nuisance will be removed from the base and impounded. If there's no apparent owner, the animal will be taken to USDA or the Yigo Animal Shelter for disposition.
- 3.2. Andersen Security Forces Controller makes entries in the security forces blotter and accomplishes a security forces report on all negligent biting or scratching incidents and a blotter entry on captured animals.

- 3.3. Andersen residents, employees, and visitors are prohibited from boarding or training civilian-owned animals on base in the 36th Security Forces kennels.
- 3.4. Any animal control violation may be grounds for loss of pet privileges. Biting or scratching incidents may result in removal of the animal from base and possible loss of privileges.
- 3.5. Personnel who abandon or fail to control their pets may face administrative or punitive action.

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