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**DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL CARCASSES**

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This instruction establishes procedures and guidance for the 374th Civil Engineer Squadron, Entomology Shop (374 CES/ CEORE), the 374th Medical Support Squadron (374 MDSS), the 374th Support Group, Services Division, Veterinary Clinic (374 SPTG/SVBV), the MWR Pet Care Facility (374 SPTG/SVDK), the Pet Adoption Center, and pet owner responsibilities in Disposal of Animal Carcasses Program. It applies to all personnel whose duties require them to dispose of animal carcasses.

**1. Reference Publications:**

- 1.1. United States Forces Japan (USFJ) Final Governing Standards (FGS), Chapter 8, *Medical Waste Management*.
- 1.2. AFI 32-1053, *Pest Management Program*.
- 1.3. AFI 48-131, *Veterinary Health Services*.

**2. Definition:**

- 2.1. Animal carcasses are pathological waste which must be disposed of as infectious medical waste.

**3. Responsibilities:**

- 3.1. 374 CES/CEORE is responsible for picking up stray animal carcasses and taking them to 374 MDSS for disposal. 374 CES/ CEORE will pick up and dispose of animal carcasses from the Pet Adoption Center when 374 SPTG/SVBV cannot be contacted and after normal duty hours.
- 3.2. 374 SPTG/SVDK is responsible for taking animal carcasses to 374 MDSS for disposal.
- 3.3. The Pet Adoption Center is responsible for contacting 374 SPTG/SVBV to pick up and dispose of animal carcasses from the Pet Adoption Center. If 374 SPTG/SVBV cannot be contacted or after normal duty hours, contact 374 CES/CEORE.

3.4. 374 SPTG/SVBV will notify all incoming pet owners of animal disposal requirements per 374 AWI 32-7003; and maintain a list of off-base establishments where pet owners can take pets for disposal. 374 SPTG/SVBV will pick up and dispose of animal carcasses from the Pet Adoption Center during normal duty hours.

3.5. Pet owners are responsible for disposal of their pets. Pet owners can contact 374 SPTG/SVBV for a list of off-base establishments where they can take their pets for disposal.

3.6. 374 MDSS is responsible for disposing of animal carcasses as pathological waste per USFJ FGS, Chapter 8. 374 MDSS will accept animal carcasses as follows:

3.6.1. During duty hours, notify the Facility Development (374 MDSS/SGSLF) at 225-8450. Inform them that an individual will be bringing a carcass and requires an escort to the roof. Go to 374 MDSS/SGSLF, Bldg. 4408 for an escort.

3.6.2. During nonduty hours, notify the Taisei Service Call Desk at 225-8452. Ask them to notify the Taisei office at the base hospital that an individual will be bringing a carcass and requires an escort to the roof.

3.6.3. After notification, go to the appropriate office (374 MDSS/SGSLF or Taisei) for escort to the roof.

3.6.4. Ensure the animal is placed in a red biohazard bag and put into the medical waste disposal container provided.

3.6.5. Document date and total liters used on generic form provided by facility management. Refer to diagrams in folder for the container used. Folder will be kept in storage room on the roof.

3.6.6. Contractor picks up waste every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday between 1400 and 1430 hours.

#### **4. Criteria for Handling Animal Carcasses:**

4.1. All personnel handling animal carcasses will wear protective gloves to prevent risk of exposure to infectious agents or pathogens.

4.2. Animal carcasses will be put in biohazard bags or boxes. Biohazard containers will be a minimum of 3 mils thick having durability, puncture resistance, and burst strength to prevent rupture or leaks during ordinary use. Label the package to identify the generator, date of generation, and the contents.

4.3. Infectious medical waste will be transported and stored to minimize human exposure to the greatest extent possible, and will not be placed in chutes or dumb-waiters.

4.4. Infectious medical waste will not be compacted unless converted to non-infectious medical waste by treatment.

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