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**Security Police**

**CONTROL, CARE, AND  
IMMUNIZATION OF PETS**

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This instruction implements AFPD 31-2, Law Enforcement, Mar 94 and AFPD 31-1, Physical Security, Mar 93 and establishes the requirements for the control, care and immunization of animal pets on Andrews Air Force Base. It applies to all personnel entering and/or residing on Andrews Air Force Base. Besides the provisions of this instruction, military members are subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice and Department of Air Force civilian employees are subject to disciplinary action of this instruction.

**SUMMARY OF REVISIONS**

This revision reflects changes in terminology and procedures concerning the notifications made to security police for the NCOIC of Law Enforcement and the Law Enforcement Desk.

**1. Terms Explained:**

- 1.1. Pets. The only type of animals/insects that may be maintained as pets by residents are as follows:
  - 1.1.1. Domesticated cats, dogs, and ferrets.
  - 1.1.2. Fish (tropical and domestic).
  - 1.1.3. Hamsters, guinea pigs, gerbils, rabbits, white mice, and rats.
  - 1.1.4. Birds (other than chickens, turkeys, game and hunting birds).
  - 1.1.5. Ant farms and spiders.
  - 1.1.6. Turtles, non-poisonous snakes, and frogs.
- 1.2. Control. A pet is considered to be under proper control when it is penned, caged, fenced in, chained or under voice control of a responsible person.
- 1.3. Nuisance. Any occasion where pet causes inconvenience, injury or discomfort to individuals other than the owner.

1.4. Registration of Pets. Dogs and cats will be registered within five days of arrival, with the base veterinary service and will receive immunizations prior to issuance of base certificate and tags. Tags must be worn on base.

## 2. Responsibilities:

### 2.1. Owners will:

2.1.1. Have pets registered and immunized.

2.1.2. Accomplish transfer (or other proper disposal) and de-registration of pets prior to permanent change of station (PCS).

2.1.3. Not take animals into dormitories, bachelor officers' quarters, transient quarters, base exchange facilities, snack bars, dining halls, open messes, post office, base swimming pools, or any other public facility. Exceptions are:

2.1.3.1. Fish (tropical and domestic).

2.1.3.2. Seeing-eye dogs.

2.1.3.3. Military working dog teams.

2.1.4. Not leave pets in vehicles parked on the installation.

2.1.5. Pay all animal costs including damages, destruction, and injury caused by animals, and for the care, billeting, euthanasia, or removal of household pets.

2.1.6. Possess no more than three animals, except in circumstances listed below.

2.1.6.1. Pet owners may keep new litters of animals on the premises for a period not to exceed 90 days.

2.1.6.2. Fish, ants, and small rodents

2.1.7. Not abuse, neglect, abandon their animals or permit an animal to be treated in a cruel manner and provide it with proper food, drink, shelter and veterinary care.

2.1.8. Provide adequate supervision at all times to prevent pets from becoming a nuisance.

2.1.9. Report information to the director, veterinary services if animal is placed in the Prince George's County Animal Control Facility (PGCACF), or animal shelter for quarantine.

### 2.2. Veterinarian services personnel will:

2.2.1. Approve and post quarantine areas.

2.2.2. Provide written instructions to the security police when quarantine enforcement is required, including length, method, and place of quarantine.

2.2.3. Assist the security police in determining the need for disposal of any animal believed to be a threat to the public.

### 2.3. Civil engineering squadron will:

2.3.1. Properly dispose of animal carcasses, when owner cannot be identified.

### 2.4. Security police will:

- 2.4.1. Pick up uncontrolled pets.
- 2.4.2. Notify the base veterinary staff who will direct animals into quarantine.
- 2.4.3. Maintain administrative records of all animal incidents/complaints.
- 2.4.4. If animals are involved in bite cases or are sick and owners are known, instruct the owner to either:
  - 2.4.4.1. Place the animal in home quarantine.
  - 2.4.4.2. Put the animal in quarantine at the PGCACF.
  - 2.4.4.3. And when necessary security police will document cases involving failure to control pet DD Form 1569. The title will be as applicable (failure to control pet, dog/cat bite, etc.). The DD Form 1569 will be the only document used regardless of military or civilian status. Law enforcement involvement will be strictly administrative, and normally no arrests will be made regardless of the severity of the incident. All necessary paperwork will be accomplished on scene, precluding subject personnel from being transported to the LED.
  - 2.4.4.4. Security police administration will monitor cases involving dog bites and failure to control pets. They will ensure letters of concern are signed by the support group commander when necessary.

### **3. Removal of Pets from the Installation.**

The support group commander may direct temporary or permanent removal of pets from Andrews AFB for any of the following reasons:

- 3.1. If the pet is involved in a malicious bite case.
- 3.2. If female dogs in season attract dog packs, which may be a source of annoyance and danger to neighboring personnel.
- 3.3. If pets are not under control.
- 3.4. If two visible abuse or mistreatment complaints are documented by the security police.
- 3.5. If mutilation or destruction of government property occurs.
- 3.6. If the pet injures another pet.
- 3.7. If the owner fails to keep the pet properly immunized and registered.
- 3.8. If unsanitary grounds or quarters result from the pet.

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