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AMIM-GAP-E (40-905 2-3f)

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Fort Gregg-Adams Stray Animal Control

1. References:

- a. AR 40-905 – Veterinary Health Services, 29 September 2006.
 - b. DoDI 4150.07, DoD Pest Management Program, 29 May 2008.
 - c. DA Policy – Domestic Animals on Army Installations, August 2018.
 - d. Armed Forces Pest Management Board (AFPMB) Technical Guide No. 37, Integrated Management of Stray Animals on Military Installations, 25 May 2012.
2. Purpose: The purpose of this document is to establish the local policy and procedures governing the management of stray animals on Fort Gregg-Adams, Virginia.
3. Applicability: This policy applies to all Service Members, Civilians, family members, contractors, and other personnel who work on, reside on, or visit Fort Gregg-Adams. This policy is not intended to address control of DoD-owned animals, e.g. Military Working Dogs.
4. Background: Stray animals on military installations can affect the health and welfare of personnel, their pets, and wildlife populations. This policy sets for the measures necessary to protect the health and safety of personnel, their family members, and pets on the installation. The Stray Animal Policy will:

- a. Provide for the management and population control of stray animals on Fort Gregg-Adams.
- b. Prevent the accumulation of fecal material from stray animals in and around buildings, parking lots, and practice fields. Fecal bacteria can be tracked into homes and offices and enter rivers and streams, affecting health and surface water quality.
- c. Reduce the occurrence of fleas, ticks, cockroaches, rats, and other disease vectors or ectoparasite infestations that result from stray and feral animals.

5. Definitions:

a. Pet. Any companion animal kept as part of a household, including Emotional Support animals, but not Military Working and Service Animals, as defined in the American Disabilities Act.

b. Stray Animal. An uncontrolled dog or cat which is homeless, ownerless, collarless, or is privately owned and allowed to roam without restrictions.

c. Abandon. An individual removing or allowing the removal of a pet or other domestic animal from its home and leaving it elsewhere without the intent of retrieval and return to a household, transferring ownership, or directly providing for its care so that it must fend for itself or be taken care of by others.

d. Feral. A domesticated animal that is uncontrolled and has returned to and exists in a wild state. Feral animals are not accustomed to human contact and are considered non-adoptable.

e. Owner. The legal owner of a pet and the individual primarily responsible for the pet's registration, health and welfare, care, and maintenance requirements. Also, the individual responsible for any costs incurred by other parties because of care and maintenance provided for the pet, or due to pet related damages.

6. Policy:

a. General

(1) The Fort Gregg-Adams Garrison Commander (GC) has authority over installation access for all animals other than service dogs. Prior written approval is required to bring any insects, arachnids, exotic, wild, or farm species onto the installation. An exception to policy waiver must be requested from the DPW Director and routed for GC signature.

(2) All pets shall be microchipped, vaccinated, neutered/spayed, and on year-round flea and tick preventative. Microchip shall be registered with the microchip company. All pets shall wear collars with identification that include the owner's address and phone number. Required immunizations include rabies, distemper, leptospirosis, hepatitis, parvovirus, and parainfluenza for dogs; and rabies, rhinotracheitis, panleukopenia, and calicivirus for cats (feline leukemia may be recommended in certain situations). Proof of rabies vaccination must be readily available in the event of an animal bite or scratch if rabies tag is not worn.

(3) Breeding or allowing the breeding of domestic animals is prohibited.

b. Control of stray and feral animals

(1) Individuals will not abandon animals on Fort Gregg-Adams. Runaway or lost animals must be reported to the Provost Marshal Office (PMO) within 24 hours. An animal that is not reported missing after 24 hours will be considered abandoned. If you have orders for Permanent Change of Station (PCS) or no longer wish to own your pet, you are required to find someone to adopt your pet prior to departing Fort Gregg-Adams.

(2) Providing food, water, or shelter to stray, feral, or wild animals is prohibited. Only EMD Natural Resources staff and PMO are authorized to provide food, water, or shelter to support attracting, trapping, and removing stray animals. Capture and trapping of stray animals will be carried out by these personnel only.

(3) Individuals will not tamper with, damage, or otherwise destroy exclusion measures designed to keep cats and other pests from entering buildings and structures.

(4) Individuals will not tamper with, damage, or otherwise destroy any traps set for stray, feral, or wild animal control, or release captured animals from the traps.

(5) Stray pets with identification or microchips will be returned to their owners. Stray pets without identification or identifiable owners will be processed by EMD.

(6) Law enforcement officers and EMD Natural Resources staff may utilize tranquilizer darting, shooting, or other lethal methods if an animal is an imminent or immediate threat to health or safety. If necessary, Veterinary Services will provide training, medication, dosage, dart size, and support for safe and effective use of tranquilizer darts.

7. Penalties:

Failure to comply with this policy will, in addition to other administrative or punitive actions, require owners, caretakers, feeders, or other individuals to be held responsible for all costs incurred by other parties in the event of care and service provided to an animal or due to animal related damages. Penalties may also result in impoundment or removal of pets, loss of the privilege to have pets on Fort Gregg-Adams, and/or loss of access privileges to Fort Gregg-Adams. Neglect, abuse, abandonment, and mistreatment of any animal on Fort Gregg-Adams may result in criminal charges and fines and/or punishment under UCMJ.

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8. Responsibilities:

a. Reporting (Life, Health, and Safety). All reports that are life, health, safety, or injured animal will be reported to PMO non-emergency number at 804-734-7400.

b. Reporting (Housing Area). Reports of stray animals in housing will be reported to the Resident Services Specialist.

c. Reporting (non-emergency stray animals). All reports of stray animals not included previously will be reported to EMD through a pest management service order using ARMA system <https://www.armymaintenance.com/arma> or service order desk 804-451-1914. After hours call PMO non-emergency number at 804-734-7400.

d. Capture. EMD personnel will capture/trap stray animals on Fort Gregg-Adams. When necessary, the Fort Gregg-Adams EMD Biologist, an authorized Fort Gregg-Adams pest control contractor, or another authorized Federal, State, or private animal control agency may aid. The authorized personnel list will be maintained by EMD.

e. Any stray companion animal will be medically evaluated by Veterinary Services (Building 11025), other county government partners, or a private animal rescue shelter and then held for three working days prior to final disposition.

f. Disposition. Fort Gregg-Adams EMD and/or PMO will make every effort to locate the owner or find a new home for a stray animal. The final disposition will be approved by EMD and/or PMO.

9. This policy remains in effect until cancelled or superseded in writing.

10. Points of contact for the content of this policy are Mr. Courtney S. Varner, PMO 804-734-7402 or courtney.s.varner.civ@army.mil and/or Mr. John R. Allen, EMD Natural Resources Manager, 804-734-3766 or john.r.allen180.civ@army.mil.

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