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**Animal Control**  
**CONTROL OF AND CARE FOR PRIVATELY OWNED ANIMALS**

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**Applicability.** This Policy applies to all Soldiers, Civilians, Family Members, Contractors, and other personnel who work on, reside on, or visit FLW.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

### **1-1. Purpose.**

This regulation establishes measures necessary to protect the health, safety and harmonious coexistence of personnel and animals on this installation, and establishes required veterinary health services for privately owned animals.

### **1-2. References and forms.**

- a. Army Regulation 40-905 (V 40-905, Veterinary Health Services, 29 August 2006, Veterinary Health Services).
- b. DoDI 4150.07, DoD Pest Management Program, 29 May 2008.
- c. Uniform Code of Military Justice.
- d. State of Missouri Health Regulations. Cited in paragraph Sf.
- e. Title 40, United States Code (USC), Section 291 (Admission of Guide Dogs accompanied by Blind Masters).
- f. Missouri Revised Statutes, Title XXXV111 (MORS) Chapter 273.400-273.405 (Dogs and Cats) as amended.
- g. MORS Chapter 578.005-578.050 (Miscellaneous Offenses) as amended.

### **1-3. Applicability.**

This Policy Applies to all Soldiers, Civilians, Family Members, Contractors, and other personnel who work on, reside on, or visit FLW.

### **1-4. General.**

This policy provides the governing policy and procedures for the necessary possession and control of animals to reduce and eliminate the negative impacts of stray animals on FLW, Missouri.

### **1-5. Requirements and prohibitions.**

#### **a. General**

(1) All dogs, cats and other authorized pets residing, kept on, or visiting Fort Leonard Wood (FLW) for more than a total of 14 days must be registered with the FLW Veterinary Treatment Facility within ten working days of arrival.

(2) If utilizing the dog park, the pet owner will adhere to the rules of the dog park. The following breeds (including mixed breeds) are not allowed to utilize the FLW Dog Park: Pit Bull (American Staffordshire bull terriers or English Staffordshire bull terriers), Akita, Chow, Doberman, Rottweiler, and wolf hybrids. If the breed of a dog comes into question, the determination of a dog's breed is at the discretion of the Garrison Commander or his representative (s), to include Chief of Housing Division, Veterinary Commander and personnel acting in the capacity of animal control officer.

(3) Vicious or Menacing Behavior.

(a) Pets exhibiting vicious or menacing behavior are prohibited.

(b) Under no circumstances is it authorized for an owner to willfully permit or cause an animal to attack another person or animal, with the exception of sporting dogs hunting specific legal game animals in a lawful manner.

(c) The use of "Danger" or "Warning" signs concerning a pet may be used by the owner of said pet, but such signs do not release the owner from liability should the pet cause injury to a person or another animal.

(d) A single substantiated case of aggression by any animal resulting in an animal bite, scratch, or other injury to an individual may be grounds for removal of that animal from the installation. If deemed necessary, the DES Director makes a recommendation to the Garrison Commander to have the offending animal removed from the Installation.

(4) Owners must ensure that their pets are unable to escape from a fenced area or housing unit.

(5) Owners must be completely in control of their pets at all times while on FLW. While in public areas, all pets must be leashed and able to be immediately restrained within 6' feet, or contained within a pet carrier or cage. Pets will not be unleashed or allowed to roam freely anytime outside of a fenced area day or night.

(6) Electronic control devices will not be used as the only means of control.

(7) Pets will not be tethered outside the quarters unless the pet is supervised at all times.

(8) Owners will ensure that pets defecate in the owner's yard or when they defecate elsewhere, owners or caretakers must completely pick-up, tightly bag, and place feces in a garbage container daily at their residence or in a public waste bin. This waste should not be disposed of in a neighbor's waste container.

(9) Nuisance animals are prohibited - An animal is considered a nuisance when:

(a) Emits excessive noises at any time of day or night that disturbs the peace and quiet.

- (b) Chases bicycles, motor vehicles, and pedestrians.
- (c) Destroys property, either private or government.
- (d) Is repeatedly found stray.
- (e) Creates an unsightly and/ or unsanitary living space.
- (f) Threatens the harmony, safety, and health within the military community as determined by the protocol set herein.

(10) Pets may not be left in un-air conditioned or unventilated vehicles unattended for more than 5 minutes to prevent overheating and related injuries.

b. Privatized Family Housing – The following restates the policy established by Leonard Wood Family Communities LLC (LWFC) for residents of privatized housing on FLW.

(1) Residents of privatized family housing must provide proof of registration, microchipping, immunization, and breed verification to their servicing LWFC Community Center.

(2) Residents can have no more than two walking pets (dogs, cats) per household. The LWFC Community Manager will consider exceptions for incoming residents on a case by case basis. Exceptions for current residents wishing to add a third walking pet will not be considered.

(3) Pets residing in privatized family housing must have received all required immunizations: See Appendix A

(4) Pets residing in privatized family housing must wear pet collars with current identification and rabies tags.

(5) Use of an invisible fence is authorized if used with a standard authorized fence. Electric fences are prohibited.

(6) Microchipped pets must be registered with a current address and contact information in the database of the microchip company.

(7) Residents of privatized family housing may not own or board in privatized housing any dog of a breed that is deemed "aggressive or potentially aggressive" unless the dog is an adopted retired military working dog. The following dog breeds are not permitted (including mix breeds): Pit Bull (American Staffordshire bull terriers or English Staffordshire bull terriers), Akita, Chow, Doberman, Rottweiler, and wolf hybrids. If the breed of a dog comes into question, the determination of a dog's breed is at the discretion of LWFC.

(8) Residents of privatized family housing may not own or board in privatized housing any livestock or exotic animals such as, but not limited to reptiles, rodents, ferrets, hedgehogs, skunks, rats, raccoons, squirrels, potbellied pigs, monkeys, arachnids, or any farm animal. The

only approved exotic animals are hamsters and guinea pigs. LWFC for any questions regarding their pet policy at 1-573-329-0122.

(9) Residents will avoid leaving pet food outside for prolonged periods of time due to the potential of attracting vermin and pests.

c. Unaccompanied Personnel Housing (Barracks). – Pets are not allowed at any time in Unaccompanied Personnel Housing/Barracks.

d. Privatized Lodging - Pets are allowed to reside in InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG) Army Hotels with the exception of Warrior lodge. Contact IHG Army Hotels for any questions regarding their pet policy at 1-573-586-4800.

#### **1-6. Penalties.**

a. Failure to comply with pet ownership requirements 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 as a result of care and maintenance provided for an animal, or due to animal related damages; and may also result in removal of pets and loss of the privilege to have pets on FLW. The FLW Garrison Commander retains authority to require the removal of any animal from FLW.

b. Appeals of adverse decisions are made within five business days in writing through command channels to the Garrison Commander.

#### **1-7. Control of stray animals on FLW.**

a. Individuals will not abandon animals on FLW. Runaway or lost pets must be reported missing to the Provost Marshal Office (PMO) within 24 hours after an owner determines that the pet is missing. An animal that is not reported missing after 24 hours will be considered abandoned.

b. Providing food, water, or shelter to stray, feral, or wild animals, is prohibited.

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

d. Breeding or allowing the breeding of stray or feral animals is prohibited.

e. Capture and trapping of wild or aggressive stray animals will be carried out by designated Law Enforcement Officer (LEO)/Conservation Law Enforcement Officer (CLEO) assigned to the PMO.

f. Individuals will not tamper with, damage, or otherwise destroy any traps set out for stray, feral, or wild animal control, or release captured uncontrolled cats or dogs and wild animals from the traps.

g. The FLW Contracted Stray Facility is located at 2396 Minnesota Avenue.

h. Any person finding a stray or escaped dog or cat on FLW can turn the animal at the Contracted Stray Facility during normal business hours, Monday – Friday from 0800-1600 except Federal Holidays. Outside of business hours call the FLW PMO non-emergency number at 573-596-6141.

i. In order to claim an animal from the Contracted Stray Facility, the owner must provide proof of vaccinations, microchipping etc. prior to being able to pick the animal up from the Contracted Stray Facility.

j. If an animal cannot be identified or claimed after 5 days, the Contracted Stray Facility will consider the animal for adoption or euthanasia.

k. The Contracted Stray Facility may accept the surrender of pets by their owners subject to the availability of space in the shelter. The final decision to accept or reject pets being surrendered by their owners rests with the Contractor. Where the Contractor accepts a dog or cat being surrendered by its owner they may assess a fee of \$75.00 to help defray the expenses of its care and adoption.

#### **1-8. Stabling of horses**

a. If coming from out of state, an official interstate health certificate issued by an accredited veterinarian within the previous thirty days must accompany all equine entering the military installation. This health certificate must show a Coggins testing (can be ELISA or Agar) and vaccines as described in Appendix B. All vaccines are current and Coggins is current within 12 months prior to coming on the installation for quarantine.

b. Prior to coming on the installation, approval from Veterinary Services and Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DFMWR) Outdoor Adventure Center OAC must be obtained. Prior to scheduling of entrance exam schedule through Veterinary Services, all paperwork (Coggins, vaccines etc.) must be reviewed for compliance and all horses must be registered with the Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF). All horses stabled at the OAC stables will enter the isolation/quarantine area first. All horses will remain in the isolation area for a minimum of ten days. Horses are released from isolation/quarantine once all preventive medicine requirements as specified in Appendix B are met and the Installation Veterinarian has released the horse.

c. Horses authorized to be kept in the stable area must be properly stabled, groomed, watered, fed and exercised. Immunizations, de-worming and Coggins testing are in accordance with Appendix B. Horses are ridden only on authorized bridle paths established by DFMWR OAC, or in the stable area. Training areas, picnic and recreation areas and the cantonment area are off limits to horses. The Installation Veterinarian makes routine inspections of the stable area and reports deficiencies to the individual concerned, the stable manager, and the DFMWR. Repeat deficiencies cause termination of stabling privileges. Either the Installation Veterinarian or the stable manager may recommend revocation of stabling privileges.

### **1-9. Transient animals.**

a. Authorized sponsors of pet shows, field trials, horse shows, and other activities involving the bringing of transient animals onto the installation, will notify the DFMWR thirty days prior to such events of the estimated number and types of animals to be brought on to the installation. All transient animals will be accompanied with written certificate of all immunizations as well as a certificate of health, signed by an accredited veterinarian not more than 30 days prior to entry.

b. Pets of guests of military personnel on the installation are the responsibility of the sponsor of the guest, and the sponsor will insure that the animals do not present a threat to the safety of persons or other animals on the installation.

c. All hunting dogs brought onto the FLW installation must wear a current rabies tag and an owner's identification tag in order to contact the owner in the event that the animal is picked up as a stray.

d. The Installation Veterinarian has the authority to deny entry to or have removed from the installation any animal that appears to be in questionable health, or is otherwise determined to be a threat to the health or safety of persons or other animals on the installation.

e. Prior written approval of the Garrison Commander is required to bring exotic, wild, or farm species onto the installation for Official purposes (i.e petting zoos).

### **1-10. Disposal of dead animals.**

a. Burial of privately owned animals is not authorized on FLW. Cremation services are available at the owner's expense for cats and dogs through a private contractor at the VTC.

b. Dead animals (unidentified pets and/or wild) found on the roads and grounds of FLW are a health and sanitation hazard to be avoided by the general public. Directorate of Public Works (DPW) is responsible for removal of dead animals from streets, sidewalks, parking areas, and other open areas of the post when their presence causes a nuisance, traffic obstacle, or health hazard. Report dead animals to DPW 573-596-0333.

### **1-11. Responsibilities.**

a. Implementation. This policy is shared with the DES and DPW.

b. Reporting. All reports of stray animals will be reported to FLW PMO non-emergency number 573-596-6141

## **APPENDIX A ANIMAL REQUIREMENTS AND VACCINATION**

**A-1.** All dogs and cats are immunized annually (three year vaccine is allowed) for rabies with a Federal Drug Administration (FDA) approved vaccine by a licensed veterinarian. Dogs and cats can be immunized for rabies as early as 3 months old, but must be immunized by 4 months must of age.

**A-2.** All dogs are immunized annually (three year vaccine is allowed) for canine distemper, hepatitis, parainfluenza, and canine parvovirus with an FDA approved vaccine by a licensed veterinarian. Puppies will be vaccinated at 8 weeks, 12 weeks and 16 weeks of age then annually. All adult dogs without proof of prior vaccination will be required to complete initial vaccination series (according to vaccine manufacture guidelines) prior to vaccine being labelled for annual frequency.

**A-3.** All dogs are immunized annually for leptospirosis with an FDA approved vaccine by a licensed veterinarian. All non-previously immunized dogs must complete the initial vaccination series according to vaccine manufacturer guidelines then maintain annual vaccination.

**A-4.** Dogs are tested for heartworm infection annually. Heartworm positive dogs are treated at the owner's expense or removed from the installation. Follow-up testing of treated animals is performed at the discretion of the installation veterinarian. All dogs residing on post should receive monthly heartworm prevention.

**A-5.** All dogs and cats residing on FLW are tested annually for intestinal parasites. Positive animals are treated at the owner's expense or removed from the installation. Dogs under six months of age are routinely de-wormed regardless of test results. Follow-up treatments and testing is at the discretion of the installation veterinarian.

**A-6.** All dogs and cats must be microchipped for identification purposes by 16 weeks of age.

**A-7.** All cats will be immunized annually (three year vaccine allowed) for feline distemper, rhinotracheitis and calicivirus with an FDA approved vaccine by a licensed veterinarian.

**A-8.** Dogs residing on post should be maintained on flea and tick prevention. Cats residing on post should be maintained on flea prevention.

**A-9.** All vaccination schedules and other required preventive medicine measures are subject to change or modification as deemed necessary by the installation veterinarian to protect the military community and animal population.

## **APPENDIX B EQUINE CARE**

**B-1.** All equine must be vaccinated annually with an FDA approved vaccine by a licensed veterinarian for the following diseases (all vaccination schedules are subject to change or modification as deemed necessary by the Installation Veterinarian)

- a. Equine influenza
- b. Eastern equine encephalitis (EEE).
- c. Western equine encephalitis (WEE).
- d. Venezuelan equine encephalitis (Required only if animal is from a state/area reporting a case in previous 12 months.)
- e. Rabies.
- f. Tetanus.
- g. Rhinopneumonitis.
- h. West Nile Virus

**B-2.** All juvenile equine must be vaccinated with an FDA approved vaccine by a licensed veterinarian for the following starting at 4 months of age and booster according to vaccine manufacturer guidelines. All vaccination schedules are subject to change or modification as deemed necessary by the Installation Veterinarian:

- a. Rabies
- b. EEE/WEE
- c. Tetanus
- d. Equine flu
- e. Rhinoneumonitis
- f. West Nile Virus

**B-3.** All equine will be Coggins tested annually for Equine Infectious Anemia and must be found negative to be stabled at this installation. Weaned foals are to be tested but no test is required of suckling foals accompanied by their dams. Positive test reports will be immediately telephoned to the State Veterinarian/Director of Animal Health Programs, Missouri Department of Agriculture. Final disposition of the reactor animal will be in accordance with state regulations and recommendations of the Missouri State Veterinarian.

**B-4.** No stallions (male equine one year or older that has not been gelded) are stabled on this installation.

**B-5.** It is the owner's responsibility to have their equine de-wormed at least semi-annually. Equine owners may bring to the VTF receipts for the purchase of wormer and the empty container for annotation into the equine's animal health records. A statement signed by a private veterinarian regarding dosage, type of wormer, and date of administration is likewise acceptable. Deemed necessary for a legitimate reason, fecal material may be tested by the Installation Veterinary Services in order to check for parasites at owner's expense.

## **GLOSSARY**

### **Section I. Acronyms.**

#### **CLEO**

Conservation Law Enforcement Officer

#### **DES**

Directorate of Emergency Services

#### **DFMWR**

Director of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation

#### **DPW**

Director of Public Works Directorate of Public Works

#### **EEE**

Eastern Equine Encephalitis

#### **FDA**

Food and Drug Administration

#### **FLW**

Fort Leonard Wood

#### **IHG**

InterContinental Hotels Group

#### **LEO**

Law Enforcement Officer

#### **LWFC**

Leonard Wood Family Communities LLC

**MSCOE**

Maneuver Support Center of Excellence

**OAC**

Outdoor Adventure Center

**PMO**

Provost Martial Office

**MORS**

Missouri Revised Statutes

**USC**

United States Code

**VTF**

Veterinary Treatment Facility

**WEE**

Western Equine Encephalitis

**Section II. Terms.**

1. Adequate Care as defined in MORS Chap 578.005 as amended. Normal and prudent attention to the needs of an animal including wholesome food, clean water, shelter and health care as necessary to maintain good health in a specific species of animal.
2. Adequate Control as defined in MORS Chap 578.005 as amended. To reasonably restrain or govern an animal so that the animal does not injure itself, other animals, persons or property. Animal Abandonment as defined in MORS Chap 578.9 as amended. A person is guilty of animal abandonment when that person has knowingly abandoned an animal in any place without making provisions for its adequate care and control.
3. Animal Abuse as defined in MORS Chap 578.012 as amended. A person is guilty of animal abuse when a person:
  - a. Intentionally or purposely causes injury or suffering to an animal.
  - b. Having ownership or custody of an animal knowingly fails to provide adequate care or adequate control.
  - c. Intentionally or purposely kills an animal in a manner not allowed by or expressly exempted from the provisions of MORS Sections 578.005 to 578.023 and 273.030 as amended.

4. Animal Neglect as defined in MORS Chap 578.009 as amended. A person is guilty of animal neglect when a person has custody or ownership or both of an animal and fails to provide adequate care or adequate control which results in substantial harm to the animal.
5. Equine. Any horse or similar animal (i.e. horse, pony, ass or mule).
6. Pet. An animal kept for amusement or companionship.
7. Stable area. An area authorized by the Installation Commander where horses or other equine may be domiciled on post.
8. Stray Animal Facility: Contracted Stray Facility at 2396 Minnesota Avenue.
9. Veterinary Treatment Facility. The section of Veterinary Services located in Building 2399 on Minnesota Avenue.
10. Vicious or Menacing Behavior. An animal that commits an unprovoked attack upon a person or another animal, threatens or terrorizes a person or animal or otherwise endangers the wellbeing of the community.