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From: Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point

To: Distribution List

Subj: PET CONTROL REGULATIONS

Ref: (a) AirStaO P11101.18B  
(b) AirStaO 6220.2A  
(c) AirStaO P1710.1L w/Ch1  
(d) Chief Veterinarian Memorandum of 8 Mar 07  
(e) CNO Policy Letter SER N456M/1U595820 of 10 Jan 02

1. Situation. Possession of an animal or pet aboard the Air Station is a privilege extended by the Commanding Officer. This privilege is subject to revocation by the Commanding Officer or his designated representative as set forth in this Order.

2. Cancellation. AirStaO 10570.1N.

3. Mission. To provide regulation enforcement in order to control animals and pets aboard Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) Cherry Point.

4. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. All military personnel, family members, and civilians within the limits of MCAS Cherry Point, Marine Corps Outlying Field (MCOFL) Atlantic and Marine Corps Auxillary Field (MCALF) Bogue to include such adjacent government housing areas as Fort Macon Village, Slocum Village and Hancock Village, will comply with the contents of this Order. The Director, Security and Emergency Services (SES) will enforce the regulations contained herein and forward reports of violations as appropriate.

(2) Concept of Operations

(a) In addition to the administrative sanctions that may be imposed by the Director, SES under the provisions of this Order, the regulations provided in paragraph 6 of this

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Order are general orders upon which disciplinary or punitive proceedings may be based.

(b) The term "pet owner" will include any person owning, keeping, or harboring an animal. The service member responsible for Government Quarters shall be deemed the owner of any pet owned, kept, or harbored aboard the Air Station by any authorized person residing in the service member's Government Quarters.

(c) The term "farm" animal will include all animals normally used as work animals and those which are kept for the production of food or some other farm commodity except for horses in approved designated areas.

(d) The term "exotic" animal will include non-native animal species not usually considered to be domestic. Exotic animals include but are not limited to species such as tarantulas, monkeys, and pythons.

(e) The term "wild" animal will include all animals, birds, reptiles, etc., that are considered native to their natural outdoor habitat. Wild animals include but are not limited to species such raccoon, box turtles, white-tailed deer, fox, etc.

(f) A "feral" animal is defined as any domestic animal that has reverted to a wild state and is living in undeveloped areas of the Cherry Point property.

(g) A "nuisance" is defined as any action of a pet that endangers life or health, gives offense to the senses, violates laws of decency, or obstructs reasonable or comfortable use of property. For example, an animal may be deemed a nuisance if it:

1. Habitually or repeatedly barks in such a manner or to such an extent that it disturbs others.

2. Interferes or obstructs persons engaging in exercise or physical activity.

3. Defecates on the lawn of quarters not occupied by its owner.

(h) A "Pit Bull" is defined as any mixed breed of dog that contains, as an element of breeding, one of the breeds listed below or identifiable as partially of one of these breeds. Technical deficiencies in a dog's conformation will not prevent it from being considered a "Pit Bull." Final determination of a dog's breed will be made by the Chief, Cherry Point Branch, U. S. Army Veterinary Command. These include the following breeds:

1. American Staffordshire Terrier.
2. Staffordshire Bull Terrier.

(i) A "potentially dangerous animal" is defined as any animal that the Chief, Cherry Point Branch, U. S. Army Veterinary Command, determines may present an unreasonable risk to the health and safety of those residing aboard the Air Station. This determination can be made as early as the point of pet registration and can be based upon such things as:

1. An unusually aggressive or threatening character.
2. Substantiated history of demonstrating aggressive or threatening character.
3. Pit Bulls as defined in paragraph 4.a.(2)(h).

(j) Prohibited Animals

1. Reference (a) allows only two domestic animals per household.
2. The only farm animals permitted aboard the Air Station are chickens used for Naval Hospital arboviral studies and horses housed at the Cherry Point Saddle Club.
3. In instances of dispute, the acceptability of the animal will be determined by the Director, SES with the recommendation from the Chief, Cherry Point Branch, U. S. Army Veterinary Command.
4. Exotic or wild animals will not be allowed as pets aboard the Air Station.

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(k) Registration. All domestic animals are subject to the following rules and regulations.

1. Dogs and cats will be registered with the Station Veterinarian within 10 working days after owner is assigned quarters or acquires a new pet. Upon registration, the owner will:

a. Furnish proof of current rabies inoculation. In the case of pets that are less than four months of age, this information will be furnished before the animal reaches the age of five months.

b. Affix the rabies inoculation tag securely to the animal's collar. This tag will be worn at all times.

c. In addition, the owner will provide proof of rabies vaccination renewal when requested by appropriate authority; e.g., Housing Officials or Military Police.

d. No dog or cat shall be owned, kept, harbored, maintained, or cared for aboard this Air Station unless it has been inoculated against rabies as required by the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina and reference (b). Dogs and cats over four months of age will be vaccinated for rabies and will be re-vaccinated 12 months after initial rabies vaccination and re-vaccinated every three years thereafter as required by the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina.

e. Owners are required to microchip their animals for permanent identification per references (d) and (e). The Station Veterinarian can provide this service at the expense of the owner or the owner may use a veterinarian of their choice. Refusing to microchip a pet will require the owner to remove the animal from the installation within 14 days. Microchip registration is the only process approved by the Chief, Cherry Point Branch, U. S. Army Veterinary Command. Use of microchips in pets reduces abandonment and the associated feral animal problems.

f. Spaying or neutering of pets is highly encouraged to reduce animal populations.

2. Registration of Horses

a. Horses will be registered with the U. S. Army Veterinary Services.

b. A Coggins Test which tests for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) will be administered within six months prior to entry into North Carolina per North Carolina state law.

c. An Official Test Certificate is required on any interstate movement of horses into North Carolina. The certificate must contain an accurate description of the horse and certify that it is free of any evidence of any infectious or transmittable disease by a physical exam from a licensed veterinarian. Any horse originating in a state bordering Mexico must, in addition to the foregoing requirements, be vaccinated against Venezuelan Equine Encephalomyelitis (VEE), a mosquito-borne viral disease, within the past 18 months as required by the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina.

d. A negative Coggins Test within 14 days of entry onto the Air Station is required. If a horse does not have a negative Coggins Test within the prescribed time period, it will be tested upon entry into the 14 day quarantine period, and will not be released from the quarantine until a negative result is received.

e. Incoming horses must have been vaccinated for Eastern and Western Encephalomyelitis, equine influenza, tetanus, and rabies within the last six months. It is recommended that they be current on rhinopneumonitis. The rabies shot may be done in quarantine.

f. Worming the horse will be done on a regularly scheduled basis. All horses will be wormed with a comparable anthelmintic class (anti-parasitic drug).

3. Registration of Hunting Dogs. Dogs brought temporarily onto the Air Station by off-station residents for the purpose of legal hunting and training per reference (c) are not required to have a microchip or be registered. Hunting dogs shall wear a collar showing owner's name and phone number and proof of rabies vaccination.

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(1) Pet Control

1. When the owner or responsible representative is training, walking, or playing with a pet it will be under positive control. Positive control means that the pet must be under immediate physical control of its owner or the owner's representative. Pets must be on a leash at all times when outside unless confined inside a fenced yard. Pets may be left outside in fenced yards and unattended for short periods of time (two hours or less) with proper food, water, and shelter available. Pets will be confined in fenced yards at the rear of the dwelling only. Tying of pets outside the quarters is prohibited. Pets will not be left unattended inside enclosed porches.

2. The pet owner or designated representative, in addition to complying with State and local pet regulations, will provide the animal with adequate food, water, shelter, and veterinary care at all times. If a person has reason to believe that an animal is being treated inhumanely, that person may file a written complaint with the Director, SES. The Pet Warden and the Chief, Cherry Point Branch, U. S. Army Veterinary Command will investigate all alleged cases of inhumane or inadequate treatment.

3. Pets are the direct responsibility of their owners and will not be permitted to become a "nuisance." Owners will clean up after their pet(s) and the owner will repair all damages to the quarters or lawn, including backfilling lawn holes.

4. Breeding animals in Family Housing is strictly prohibited.

5. Animals are not permitted in the hospital, barracks (i.e., Bachelor Officer Quarters (BOQ), Bachelor Enlisted Quarters (BEQ), and Transient Enlisted Quarters (TEQ)), club facilities, Marine Corps Exchange activities, or any place where food is stored, prepared, or handled with the exception of Military Working Dogs (MWDs) and animals assisting the physically handicapped.

6. Animals shall not be abandoned aboard the Air Station.

7. Animals will not be left unattended in vehicles without adequate ventilation and water.

8. The Pet Warden will not accept turnover of registered animals. Pet owners shall turn unwanted animals in to any off station animal shelter or animal control authority.

9. "Pit Bulls" and "Potentially Dangerous Animals," shall not be unattended aboard the Air Station unless confined indoors, or outdoors in a secure, enclosed and locked pen, or other approved structure designed to completely restrain the animal. The Director, SES will determine if the structure used to restrain the animal is sufficient. Anytime a "Pit Bull" or "Potentially Dangerous Animal" is outside the above confined or secure areas, it shall at all times be securely leashed and under the physical control of the owner or his representative.

10. United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved pens will be used for potentially dangerous animals vice fenced yards. USDA pens have measurements of twice the animal's size plus six inches. The maximum dimensions will be 10 feet by 10 feet by six feet chain link fence. Other pet owners desiring to use these pens or fences require prior authorization from the appropriate Air Station or Atlantic Marine Corp Community (AMCC) housing manager.

11. Owners that walk or run their pets are required to carry trash bags or other device to pick up their animal's waste immediately should they defecate anywhere outside their yard.

(m) Penalties. All pet incidents will be adjudicated on the individual merits of each case using the following guidelines:

1. Pet Violations will be Issued in the below circumstances:

a. Permitting an animal to run loose or failing to secure or control an animal in the manner prescribed in the Order.

b. Permitting an animal to become a nuisance.

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- c. Failing to register a pet.
  - d. The animal attacking or biting any person.
  - e. Inhumane treatment or inadequate care as determined by the Chief, Cherry Point Branch, U. S. Army Veterinary Command.
  - f. The animal approaching a person in a vicious or threatening manner. The "threatening or vicious" manner is based upon the victim's/complainant's observation and perception. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that no one feels threatened by the actions of their animal.
  - g. The pet killing or inflicting severe injury upon a domestic animal. Dogfights do not occur when animals are properly controlled. The owner of the loose animal shall receive the violation. If both animals are loose, both owners shall receive violations.
  - h. The pet performing any aggressive or threatening act, which causes the Chief, Cherry Point Branch, U. S. Army Veterinary Command to determine that it presents a risk to the health and safety of those residing aboard the Air Station.
  - i. Failing to pick up waste of pet.
2. A "Pet Investigation Report" will be issued for the first violation of this Order.
  3. A "Letter of Caution" will be issued for the second violation of this Order.
  4. Upon receipt of a third violation, the Director, SES will issue a "Letter of Intent to Revoke Pet Privileges." The owner has two working days after receipt of the letter to submit a written appeal to the Air Station Inspector. The animal may stay at the quarters during the appeal process unless it is dangerous. Dangerous animals will be impounded by SES for the duration of the appeal process. The Air Station Inspector will review the facts and make a determination as to restoration of any pet privileges within five working days of receiving the appeal. If the owner does not appeal the revocation or upon

notification that the appeal was denied, the owner will immediately remove all pets from the installation. Any impounded animal will be released to the owner after applicable fees are paid.

5. Penalties and assessments can be waived if an investigation by the Director, SES proves that the offense committed was not directly attributable to the owner of the pet.

(n) Assessments. There will be an assessment equivalent to \$5.00 per day in dog/cat food or cat litter for all animals confined in the Station Stray Animal Facility for violations of this Order. If the animal is kept any portion of a day or night, this period will be considered a day.

(o) Appeal Procedures. Pet owners, whose privilege of keeping a pet has been revoked, may submit a written appeal within two working days of such revocation to the Commanding Officer, MCAS, Cherry Point (Attention: Station Inspector) via the chain of command.

b. Subordinate element Missions

(1) Director, SES. The Director, SES will assume all responsibilities for administration of the provisions of this Order. In this regard, the Provost Marshal will:

(a) Operate the Air Station Kennels.

(b) Administer all penalties and release impounded animals upon payment of the appropriate kennel fee. The kennel fee will be the equivalent of \$5.00 per day in dog/cat food or cat litter.

(c) Authorize the Chief, Cherry Point Branch, U. S. Army Veterinary Command or designated assistant to euthanize unclaimed animals impounded in excess of 72 hours. Unclaimed animals that are deemed adoptable by local animal control agencies or animal rescue organizations may be released to those agencies for adoption off Station.

(d) Impounded animals may be recovered Monday through Friday from 1000 to 1400 at the Station Kennels, Building 3252, near the Cunningham Boulevard Gate. The Station

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Kennels are closed on Saturday, Sunday, and holidays. These days, however, will count for the assessment of fees.

(e) Direct the capture, removal, or destruction of any domestic, exotic or feral animal, or group of such animals, that are harassing or killing wild animals or roaming unattended on the Air Station. Destruction of any animal or animals pursuant to the authority conferred by this subparagraph should only be accomplished when prior attempts at capture are unsuccessful or when capture is clearly dangerous or impossible. Destruction may be accomplished through use of appropriate firearms in a manner that minimizes visibility to the public. A dart gun approved and furnished by the Chief, Veterinarian Services, may be used, if available.

(f) Inform the Chief, Cherry Point Branch, U. S. Army Veterinary Command whenever an animal confined for biting appears to be ill or dies during the period of confinement. These animals will be securely confined and isolated from contact with other animals.

(g) Ascertain the owner of any animal involved in a bite incident and assure that the animal is quarantined and an appropriate report is initiated.

(h) Supervise the Air Station Pet Warden(s).

(2) Air Station Pet Warden(s)

(a) Upon receipt of a complaint, capture any loose animals involved, confine them at the kennels, and notify the owners of registered/identified animals of this action immediately.

(b) Maintain records on all animals impounded or destroyed.

(c) Inform the Chief, Cherry Point Branch, U. S. Army Veterinary Command of any complaints of inhumane treatment of animals received and assists in the investigation of these complaints.

(d) The Game Warden, Pet Warden or on duty Watch Commander may destroy animals (domestic or wild) suffering from injury as a result of a collision with a vehicle. This

destruction will be done out of sight of the public whenever possible and with an appropriate firearm.

(3) Commanding Officer, Naval Hospital

(a) Provide technical assistance to the Director, SES as required.

(b) Report all animal bites that come to the attention of medical personnel to the Director, SES, Preventive Medicine, and Chief, Veterinarian Services as outlined in reference (b).

(4) Chief, Cherry Point Branch, U. S. Army Veterinary Command

(a) Procure and prescribe the use of any drugs as may be required for euthanasia.

(b) Provide technical assistance to the Director, SES as required to train military police and Station Pet Warden(s) as needed.

(c) Inspect the Station Kennels for sanitation. Discrepancies will be reported to the Director, SES and the Station Inspector.

(d) Provide the Director, SES with a roster of duty personnel to be contacted after normal working hours.

(e) Destroy in a humane manner, any unclaimed animals upon proper authorization from the Director, SES.

(f) At the time that pets are registered aboard the Air Station, inform the owner of the mandatory microchip policy and place a microchip in the pet if the owner desires.

(g) Make a determination if the pet is a "Pit Bull" or "Potentially Dangerous Animal." If such a determination is made, notify the owner of this determination using a "Notification and Acknowledgment of Pet as a Pit Bull or Potentially Dangerous Animal." By his/her signature on the notification, the owner acknowledges receipt of the Order. The Chief, Veterinarian Services maintains the original of the document reflecting notification and acknowledgment.

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5. Administration and Logistics. The Commanding General 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, CO's Naval Hospital, Fleet Readiness Center EAST, Combat Logistics Company 21 and the AMCC Director of Operations concur with this Order insofar as it pertains to members of their commands/organizations.

6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to the Marine Corps Reserve.

b. Signal. This Order is effective the date signed.

  
R. C. MANN  
By direction

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