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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 10570.1P.

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 (MCO LF), Atlantic and Marine Corps Auxillary Field (MCALF), Bogue 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 Order are

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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 that are normally used as work animals and those which are kept for the production of food. Farm animals include but are not limited to chickens, pigs, cows, donkeys, etc. These animals are not allowed on the Air Station.

(d) The term "exotic" animal will include non-native animal species that are rare or unusual and are not commonly thought of as a pet. Exotic animals include but are not limited to species such as tarantulas, monkeys, pythons, etc. These types of animals are not allowed on the Air Station.

(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 as raccoons, box turtles, white-tailed deer, foxes, etc. These animals are part of the wildlife on the Air Station, but they are not to be fed or kept at a residence for any reason.

(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 Air Station.

(g) The term "nuisance" is defined as any action of a pet that endangers life or health of another person or animal 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 "potentially dangerous animal" is defined as any animal that the Chief, Cherry Point Branch, United States Army Veterinary Command or the Air Station Animal Control Officer, determines may present an unreasonable risk to the health and safety of those residing aboard the Air Station, as well as the health and safety of other animals. 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 behavior. For example, lunging or attempting to attack or bite another person or animal without being provoked.

(2) Substantiated history of demonstrating aggressive or threatening behavior. For example, past history of biting or attacking other animals or people intentionally inflicting severe bodily harm.

(3) Prohibited Animals

(a) Reference (c) allows only two domestic animals per household.

(b) The only farm animals permitted aboard the Air Station are chickens used for Naval Hospital studies and horses housed at the Cherry Point Saddle Club.

(c) Exotic or wild animals will not be allowed to be kept as pets aboard the Air Station due to health and legal issues.

(d) Currently there are five prohibited dog breeds that are not allowed to be on the Air Station, with the exception of the ones that were grandfathered in. Any dog containing a mix of the following breeds are not allowed on the Air Station as well:

1. American Pit Bull Terrier.
2. American Staffordshire Terrier.
3. Staffordshire Bull Terrier.

4. Rottweiler.

5. Wolf Hybrid.

(4) Registration. All Domestic animals are subject to the following rules and regulations.

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

1. 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.

2. Affix the rabies inoculation tag securely to the animal's collar. An identification tag with the pet's name, contact numbers and address also needs to be affixed to the pet's collar. These two tags will be worn at all times.

3. All paperwork must be presented to Atlantic Marine Corps Communities (AMCC) within five working days of having the dog registered with the Station Veterinarian.

4. In addition, the owner will provide proof of rabies vaccination when requested by appropriate authority; e.g., Housing Officials, Military Police and the Station Animal Control Officer.

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

6. Owners are required to microchip their animals for permanent identification per reference (c). 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, U. S. Army Veterinary Command, Cherry Point Branch. Use of microchips in pets reduces abandonment and increases the chances of reuniting a lost pet with its owner.

7. Once a microchip is given, it is the owner's responsibility to make sure that their information is correct and updated with the microchip company. A tag with the microchip number and company phone number is provided for the owner to attach to the collar. It is suggested for the owner to also attach that to the dog's collar, but it is not required.

8. Spaying or neutering pets is highly encouraged to reduce the amount of unwanted pets that get turned into the shelters each year, as well as cut down the numbers of feral cats in the area.

(5) 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 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).

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

(7) Pet Control

(a) 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. Pets will not be left unattended inside enclosed porches for any amount of time unattended.

(b) 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 complaint with the Director, SES and the Air Station Animal Control Officer. The Air Station Animal Control Officer and the Chief, Cherry Point Branch, U. S. Army Veterinary Command will investigate all alleged cases of inhumane or inadequate treatment.

(c) 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.

(d) Breeding animals in Family Housing at any time, for any reason, is strictly prohibited.

(e) 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.

(f) Animals shall not be abandoned aboard the Air Station for any reason. If the owner has to move and cannot take their pet with them, it is their responsibility to make sure they find it another home or turn it in to a local shelter.

(g) Animals will not be left unattended in vehicles without adequate ventilation and water.

(h) The Air Station Animal Control Officer will not accept turnovers of registered animals. Pet owners shall turn unwanted animals in to any off station animal shelter or animal control authority.

(i) Potentially dangerous animals shall not be unattended aboard the Air Station unless confined indoors or outdoors in a secured, enclosed and locked pen. The Director, SES and the Air Station Animal Control Officer will determine if the structure used to restrain the animal is sufficient. Anytime a potentially dangerous animal is outside the above the confined or secure areas, it shall be securely leashed and under the physical control of the owner or their representative. If, for any reason, the animal gets loose or the owner does not abide by the above regulations, then the owner may have their pet privileges revoked.

(j) 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 animals' 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.

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

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

(a) Pet Violations will be issued in the below circumstances:

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

2. Permitting an animal to become a nuisance.

3. Failing to register a pet or have a microchip implanted in the pet.

4. The animal attacking or biting any person or other animal.

5. Inhumane treatment or inadequate care as determined by the Chief, U.S. Army Veterinary Command, Cherry Point Branch and the Air Station Animal Control Officer.

6. 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 and whether the animal was being provoked. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure that no one feels threatened by the actions of their animal.

7. 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.

8. The pet performing any aggressive or threatening act, which causes the Air Station Animal Control Officer to determine that it presents a risk to the health and safety of other people and animals.

9. Having unsanitary living conditions for the pet and failing to clean up after them.

10. Not having a rabies vaccination, not wearing a rabies tag, or identification tags.

11. Breeding pets aboard the Air Station and having more than two dogs or cats or combination thereof at the residence.

12. Impeding with Military Police Operations, (i.e., interfering with live traps, feeding stray or feral animals).

13. Abandoning an animal for more than 24 hours.

14. Securing the animal to government property; such as, trees, enclosed back porches, posts, light poles, etc. The only approved items that pets can be tied to are tie-stakes. While on the tie-stake the animal must remain under proper supervision at all times.

(b) A "Pet Investigation Report" will be issued for the first violation of this Order.

(c) A "Letter of Caution" will be issued for the second violation of this Order.

(d) Upon receipt of a third violation, the Director, SES will issue a "Letter of Intent to Revoke Pet Privileges." The owner has five 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 the Air Station Animal Control Officer and taken to Craven/Pamlico Animal Services Shelter for the duration of the appeal process, in which the owner will be responsible for all fees that occur while the animal is at the shelter. 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 and provide written proof to the Air Station Animal Control Officer of who took the animal or where the animal was taken to.

(9) Air Station Animal Control Officer

(a) Upon receipt of a complaint, capture any loose animals involved, transport animals to the shelter if necessary, and notify the owners of registered/identified animals of the situation immediately.

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

(c) The Game Warden, the Air Station Animal Control Officer or on duty Watch Commander may destroy animals (domestic or wild) suffering from injury as a result of a collision with a vehicle. This will be done out of sight of the public whenever possible with an appropriate firearm.

(10) 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, the Air Station Animal Control Officer, Preventive Medicine, and Chief, Veterinarian Services as outlined in reference (a).

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

(a) Provide technical assistance to the Director, SES as required to train military police and the Air Station Animal Control Officer as needed.

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

(c) 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.

(d) Make a determination if the pet is a potentially dangerous animal. If such a determination is made, notify the owner by using a "Notification and Acknowledgement of Pet as a Potentially Dangerous Animal." By the owner's signature on the notification, the owner acknowledges receipt of

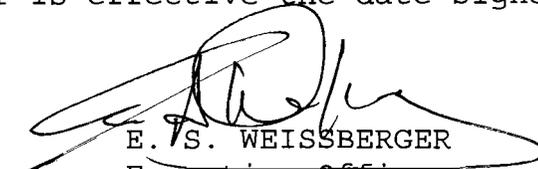
the Order. The Chief, Veterinarian Services maintains the original of the document reflecting notification and acknowledgement.

5. Administration and Logistics. The Commanding General 2nd 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 in so far as it pertains to members of their commands/organizations.

6. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to all commands and tenants aboard MCAS Cherry Point and AMCC Housing.

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



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