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Zoonosis Control and Operation of Veterinary Treatment Facilities

**Summary.** This regulation covers the health care and medical treatment of military working dogs and privately owned animals registered to active duty and retired personnel in Alaska. This regulation has been revised to reflect changes in unit and facility names.

**Applicability.** This regulation applies to all military personnel assigned to, or anyone residing on Army installations in Alaska.

**Impact on the New Manning System.** This regulation does not contain information that affects the New Manning System.

**Supplementation.** Supplementation of this regulation is prohibited without prior approval from the Veterinary Services Support District (VSSD) Alaska, MCVS-NWA.

**Interim changes.** Interim changes to this regulation are not official unless they are authenticated by the United States Army Alaska (USARAK) Signal Officer. Users will destroy interim changes on their expiration date unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

**Suggested improvements.** The proponent agency of this regulation is the VSSD. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on Department of the Army (DA) Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) directly to MCVS-NWA.

**1. Purpose**

The purpose of this regulation is to establish policies and procedures concerning the prevention and/or control of zoonotic and animal disease conditions on Army installations in Alaska and to define the responsibilities of the veterinary treatment facility (VTF).

**2. References**

Required and related publications are listed in appendix A. Referenced forms are also listed in appendix A.

**3. Explanation of abbreviations**

- a. AR..... Army Regulation
- b. DA..... Department of the Army
- c. DD..... Defense Department
- d. VTF ..... veterinary treatment facility
- e. VSSD ..... Veterinary Services Support District

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\*This regulation supersedes 6th Infantry Division (Light) Regulation 40-1, dated 31 May 1991.

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### 4. Responsibilities

The Commander, VSSD Alaska is responsible for the surveillance of zoonotic disease conditions at all the Army installations in Alaska; as well as recommending those control measures necessary to prevent the introduction or spread of any zoonotic diseases. The VTF at each Army installation is a valuable adjunct to the zoonotic disease control program.

### 5. General

a. Zoonotic diseases (diseases transmitted between humans and animals) represent a very important group of the diseases reported in the United States.

b. The large number of pet animals kept on Army installations in Alaska requires enforcement of control measures to prevent the introduction and/or spread of zoonotic diseases between the human and animal populations. Registration, vaccinations and quarantine procedures for pet animals are preventive measures used in the zoonotic disease control programs.

### 6. Disease control measures

a. Animal (mammal) bite incidents.

(1) In addition to being the primary mode of transmission of rabies, mammal bites usually result in a very painful experience for the victim. To prevent animal bites, animal owners must practice the animal control measures required by USARAK Regulation 210-11.

(2) Any mammal that bites or scratches a human resulting in a break in the skin is considered a rabies suspect, regardless of its vaccination status or the circumstances surrounding the incident. Do not destroy the animal under any circumstances, except upon recommendation of the installation veterinarian.

(3) Military personnel or dependents who sustain a bite and/or scratch wound from a mammal are considered a medical emergency and must report to the nearest military medical facility for treatment. In addition, the victim or his/her sponsor will furnish information concerning the location of the offending animal and the identification of its owner.

(4) Emergency room personnel will provide treatment for the victim, take the appropriate follow-up actions as required by the United States Army Medical Department Activity, Alaska standing operating procedures and initiate a Defense Department (DD) Form 2341 (Report of Animal Bite—Potential Rabies Exposure).

(5) The supporting VTF will begin the necessary follow-up examinations and/or impoundment of the offending mammal. The veterinarian, in cases involving mammals kept on post, may require absolute quarantine (animal is impounded for the 10-day quarantine period) at the VTF or at a civilian quarantine facility (operated by a licensed veterinarian and approved by the Commander, VSSD Alaska). Home quarantine (animal is confined at home for the 10-day period and is examined by a veterinarian officer on the first and tenth day after the bite occurred) can be authorized by the VTF veterinarian in cases that warrant this type of quarantine. Only dogs and cats will be quarantined.

(a) Wild animals (i.e., skunks, raccoons, ferrets, ocelots, foxes and wolves, or their hybrids) and exotic animals (i.e., monkeys, snakes) normally restricted to zoo type confinements will not be kept on any Army installation in Alaska. For the purposes of this regulation, a hybrid is defined as a cross between a domestic animal and a wild animal, regardless of wild animal parentage on the cross.

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(b) Any wolf-hybrid registered on an Army Installation before 1 October 1990 may be kept. However, the owner must be aware that regardless of rabies vaccination status, a wolf-hybrid involved in a bite incident will be sacrificed and laboratory tested for rabies.

(c) In those cases involving civilian-owned animals living off post, the installation veterinarian will notify the local city/state health unit having jurisdiction over the area where the animal's owner resides, and will maintain liaison with this health unit until the quarantine period is completed.

(6) The installation provost marshal will provide support per USARAK Regulation 210-11, paragraph 9b. An animal that has been collected by the military police as a rabies suspect will not be released to the owner until the animal has been examined by a military veterinarian and determination made as to the type of animal quarantine to be initiated.

(7) A dog or cat owner, whose animal has been identified as a rabies suspect and placed on home quarantine, will comply with all procedures listed on Health Services Command Form 53R (Animal Home Quarantine). Failure of an owner to comply with quarantine requirements of USARAK Regulation 210-11, as well as any subsequent follow-up action considered necessary by the respective post commander, may result in disciplinary action. The VTF veterinarian will ensure that the owner understands all provisions of home quarantine.

### b. Rabies outbreak quarantine procedures.

(1) In the event that an actual case of rabies is reported on the reservation or in an adjoining area, a general area quarantine may be implemented to prevent a rabies epidemic.

(2) If deemed necessary, the military veterinarian can require re-vaccination of any animal, regardless of its current vaccination status.

(3) The following animal quarantine measures will be kept in housing areas for the duration of the quarantine period:

(a) All animals will be kept on leash when outdoors. Animals will not be left unattended outdoors.

(b) Extreme precautions will be taken to prevent animal bites/scratches.

(c) All animals involved in animal-to-animal bites will be taken to the VTF for examination. The owner should attempt to acquire as much information as possible about the animal that bit his/her pet. If necessary, the installation veterinarian may require quarantine impoundment of either or both animals involved in the biting incident per AR 40-905.

(4) An animal owner who is permanently leaving the installation on permanent change of station, discharge, etc., will be permitted to remove his/her animal from post only by written authorization obtained from the installation veterinarian.

(5) Personnel and dependents will restrict their outdoor activities in unimproved areas.

(6) The quarantine will remain in effect for 60 days following the last reported rabies case. Subsequent cases of rabies will automatically extend the period of quarantine for 60 days from the date of confirmation.

(7) The Provost Marshal Office will enforce all terms of the quarantine.

### c. Other zoonotic or animal disease outbreaks.

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(1) Any federal or state quarantine measures initiated to control a zoonotic or animal disease outbreak that may affect any Army installation in Alaska will cause enforcement of appropriate quarantine procedures.

(2) The Commander, VSSD Alaska, in conjunction with the preventive medicine activity, will be responsible for the collection and dissemination of epidemiological information that may affect the status of quarantine measures.

d. Required vaccinations. See appendix B for vaccination requirements.

### **7. Operation of the veterinary treatment facility**

a. The VTF operates under direction of a military veterinarian as a nonappropriated fund activity administered per AR 215-1, AR 215-2, AR 40-905 and other applicable regulations.

b. Bona fide unit mascots designated in writing by battalion level commanding officers may be provided veterinary care on the same basis as government-owned animals.

c. Limited veterinary care is authorized for privately owned animals to the extent determined by the Commander, VSSD Alaska, based on available resources and applicable regulations. This care is primarily directed toward prevention and control of zoonotic and animal diseases on the military reservations and includes—

(1) Physical examinations to determine disease and issuance of health certificates.

(2) Vaccinations, as required by AR 40-905, USARAK Regulation 210-11 and paragraph 6d above, as well as other vaccinations considered necessary by the Commander, VSSD Alaska, to prevent the introduction or spread of a specific animal disease.

(3) Diagnosis and treatment of internal and external parasites.

(4) Diagnosis and treatment of zoonotic disease conditions. Animal patients with disease conditions requiring hospitalization or extensive veterinary treatment will be referred to civilian veterinary facilities if the disease condition does not constitute a zoonosis.

d. Limitations.

(1) Treatment and vaccinations will be performed only under the supervision of a veterinarian.

(2) Only those surgical procedures that are authorized and/or deemed necessary to save life or limb will be performed. Elective surgical procedures such as ear trimming, tail-docking or spay and neuter operations are not authorized.

(3) Clipping and other grooming procedures are not authorized, nor will government facilities be used for such activities.

(4) Military veterinarians will not engage in private practice nor sell drugs or medical supplies from private inventories without command approval.

(5) All persons presenting an animal for care at the VTF must show a valid military identification card. Attempting to obtain care for an animal owned by a person not authorized care is prohibited and could result in loss of privileges for the violator.

(6) Dependents presenting animals for service must be 18 years of age or accompanied by an adult who is authorized service.

e. Operating hours.

(1) The operating hours of the VTF will be determined by the VTF veterinarian at each installation, based on the availability of time and personnel, and as approved by the Commander, VSSD Alaska.

(2) All veterinary care, health certificates and vaccinations will be normally provided by appointment, during the time periods specified by the VTF veterinarian. Operating periods of the VTF will be published in the installation news media periodically, as well as being posted outside the building.

f. Charges.

(1) As a nonappropriated fund activity, the VTF must purchase and thus, be reimbursed, for supplies (medications, biologicals, etc.) expended in the care of privately owned animals.

(2) Charges to owners and other nonappropriated fund activities for supplies expended in the treatment of animals will be per applicable regulations, and a receipt will be provided listing all charges made.

(3) Utilization and charges for government-owned supplies for care of privately owned animals will be per AR 40-905, AR 215-5 and other applicable regulations.

(4) The collection and disbursement of monies resulting from the operation of the VTF will be under the supervision of the Director, Personnel and Community Activities.

g. Rabies quarantine/stray animal impoundment kennels.

(1) Owners of animals impounded as rabies suspects, and quarantined for the 10-day period in the kennels, will be required to pay charges for any vaccinations required before the animal can be released.

(2) Stray animals impounded in the VTF will receive vaccinations as determined necessary by the VTF veterinarian. The cost of all vaccinations will be borne by the owner when identified.

(3) Impoundment fees will cover food expenses, cost of cleaning and sanitizing agents. The fees will be paid to the VTF nonappropriated fund, which administers the operation of the impoundment facilities.

(4) Charges for unclaimed strays and rabies suspects quarantined will be paid by VSSD Alaska, per AR 40-905. Charges for stray animals whose owners are identified will be paid by the owner when the animal is claimed.

(5) Stray animals impounded by the military police and not claimed, may be available for adoption per AR 40-905.

(6) Anyone desiring to adopt an unclaimed animal is required to pay vaccination and medical costs associated with the adoption of the animal. No impounded stray animal will be released without receiving vaccinations per AR 40-905 and appendix B of this regulation.

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**Appendix A  
References**

**Section I  
Referenced Publications**

- AR 40-905.....(Veterinary Health Services). Cited in paragraphs 6b(3)(c), 7 and B-4.
- AR 215-1.....(Administration of Army Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Activities and Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities). Cited in paragraph 7a.
- AR 215-2.....(The Management and Operations of Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation Programs and Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentalities). Cited in paragraph 7a.
- AR 215-5.....(Nonappropriated Fund Accounting Policy and Reporting Procedures). Cited in paragraph 7f(3).
- USARAK Regulation 210-11.....(Registration and Control of Animals). Cited in paragraph 6a and 7c(2).

**Section II  
Related Publications**

- Army Regulation (AR) 40-1.....(Composition, Mission, and Functions of the Army Medical Department).
- AR 40-3.....(Medical, Dental, and Veterinary Care).
- AR 40-5.....(Preventive Medicine).
- AR 40-12.....(Quarantine Regulations of the Armed Forces).
- DA Pamphlet 40-47 .....(Veterinary Activities).
- Health Services Command Regulation 40-18 .....(Animal Medicine Program).

**Section III  
Referenced Forms**

- DA Form 2028 .....(Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms). Cited in the suggested improvements statement.
- DD Form 2341 .....(Report of Animal Bite—Potential Rabies Exposure). Cited in paragraph 6a(4).
- Health Services Command Form 53R.....(Animal Home Quarantine). Cited in paragraph 6a(7).



**Appendix B**  
**Vaccination Requirements for Dogs, Cats and Other Animals**

**B-1. Dogs**

a. All dogs will be vaccinated for rabies according to the following schedule:

(1) Initial rabies vaccination will be given between 3 and 4 months of age or as determined by the veterinary officer in animals under or over this age.

(2) A dog vaccinated initially for rabies under 1 year of age will be revaccinated in 1 year.

(3) Adult dogs residing on an Army installation in Alaska are required to be vaccinated for rabies every 3 years per State of Alaska laws.

(4) Dogs residing off post will be vaccinated upon request by eligible owners based on state and local requirements.

b. Canine distemper/hepatitis/leptospirosis/parvovirus/parainfluenza/corona vaccinations.

(1) A puppy will receive the initial vaccinations for these diseases on an individual schedule determined by the installation veterinarian.

(2) Every dog residing on an Army post in Alaska will be vaccinated for distemper/hepatitis/leptospirosis/parvovirus/parainfluenza/corona, and will be revaccinated for these diseases on an annual basis.

**B-2. Cats**

a. All cats will be vaccinated for rabies according to the following schedule:

(1) Initial rabies vaccination will be given between 3 and 4 months of age or as determined by the veterinary officer in animals under or over this age.

(2) A cat vaccinated initially for rabies under 1 year of age will be revaccinated in 1 year.

(3) Adult cats residing in an Army installation in Alaska are required to be vaccinated for rabies every 3 years per State of Alaska laws.

(4) Cats residing off post will be vaccinated upon request by eligible owners based on state and local requirements.

b. Feline infectious diseases/panleucopenia/pneumonitis/rhinotrachetis.

(1) A kitten will receive the initial vaccination for these diseases on an individual schedule determined by the veterinary officer.

(2) Every cat residing on an Army installation in Alaska will be vaccinated for panleucopenia/pneumonitis/rhinotrachetis, and will be revaccinated for these diseases annually.

**B-3. Impounded animals**

Animals impounded as strays or rabies suspects at the VTF will be subject to those vaccinations considered necessary by the responsible veterinary officer.

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### **B-4. Other animals**

All other mammalian pets authorized to be kept on Army posts in Alaska will be vaccinated against rabies and any other disease for which vaccine is available, as determined by the Commander, VSSD Alaska, and AR 40-905. Even though other mammalian pets may be vaccinated against rabies, official recognition of such vaccinations will not be made unless the vaccine used is specifically cleared for use in that species. For example, an ocelot kept as a pet may be vaccinated against rabies using an inactivated vaccine only. However, if such an animal bites a person, the vaccine will not be considered as an official vaccination, and the animal will not be quarantined, but will be disposed of per paragraph 6a(5)(b). When wild or exotic animals are vaccinated against rabies, a vaccination tag or certificate will not be issued.