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This instruction implements AFD 31-2, *Law Enforcement*, and applies to all personnel having pets on Elmendorf AFB, including visitors and associated units. This instruction establishes procedures to control pets on the installation. Small caged animals such as guinea pigs, hamsters, gerbils, fish and birds are excluded. All other rodents, primates, skunks, raccoons, exotic felines, marsupials, reptiles, insects, spiders, wolf hybrids, and wild animals requiring special permits may not be kept as pets on the installation.

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SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

This revision changes the authority to release pets from Fort Richardson Veterinary Clinic back to the owner from 3 MSS/CC to 3 SFS/CC.

1. Chief, Security Forces (3 SFS/CC) Responsibilities:

- 1.1. Enforcement of provisions contained within this instruction.
- 1.2. Coordination of capture, pickup, and disposition of stray pets, suspected rabid pets, and nuisance pets (See [Attachment 1](#)).
- 1.3. Maintaining records of actions taken in compliance with this instruction.

2. Fort Richardson Veterinarian Responsibilities:

- 2.1. Examination, immunization against rabies, and quarantine instructions for privately owned pets on Elmendorf AFB.
- 2.2. Examination of suspected rabid animals.
- 2.3. Maintain impounded animals captured on Elmendorf AFB until final disposition, when required.

3. Pet Owners' Responsibilities:

- 3.1. Pets maintained on Elmendorf AFB will be registered with the Fort Richardson Veterinary Treatment Facility within 3 duty days of arrival on base. All pets will be vaccinated, as required by Alaska State Statutes, to include a current distemper combination for dogs and cats. The rabies vaccination tag from the Fort Richardson Veterinary Treatment Facility will serve as the base registration tag. The tag must be securely fastened to the animal's collar or harness, and will be worn whenever the animal is outside the owner's quarters.
- 3.2. The owner is responsible for any and all expenses incurred to comply with this instruction.
- 3.3. Pet owners will adhere to the leash law in paragraph 1.6, this instruction, at all times.
- 3.4. Pet owners will not walk their pets in other people's yards, school yards, picnic areas, sports fields, parade grounds or where the pet may become a public nuisance.
- 3.5. Unattended pets will be on a restraining device no longer than 15 feet to prevent their access to public sidewalks, roadways, or other yards. Restraining devices will not be attached to government owned property.
- 3.6. Pets will not be treated inhumanely or cruelly by leaving them outside for unreasonable periods of time, or being left without sufficient food and water. Pets maintained outside must have adequate shelter from the elements. Pets suspected of receiving inhumane treatment will be transported by security forces to the Fort Richardson Veterinary Treatment Facility for evaluation.
- 3.7. Pet owners must remove animal feces from their home and yard daily, or more frequently to prevent a public health hazard. Animal feces must be immediately removed from public areas.
- 3.8. Pet owners are responsible for all property damage caused by their pets.

4. Control measures:

- 4.1. Pets may only be kept in on-base housing. Pets may not be kept in any billeting controlled facilities. Dormitory residents may keep fish.
- 4.2. Stray animals will be transported to the Fort Richardson Stray Animal Facility. An incident report or blotter entry titled "Failure to Control Pet," will be accomplished by Security Forces. Owners will not be allowed to pick up their pet from the stray animal facility prior to reporting to the law enforcement desk. Once processing is completed, pet owners will be issued a Pet Release letter signed by 3 SFS/CC, which allows the owner to pick up the pet.
- 4.3. The 3 WG Form 17, *Animal Impoundment Control Record*, is maintained by the 3 SFS Administration Flight. The form is filed with incident report or blotter entry and may be reviewed to determine the status of a lost pet.

- 4.4. Animals who have bitten or scratched someone, or who are suspected of having rabies will be transported to the Fort Richardson Treatment Facility by the next duty day.
- 4.5. Security Forces, when requested by Aurora Housing, will remove problem animals from housing areas to ensure the safety of the base populace, or prevent an undue hazard to the base populace. Aurora Military Housing may also request Security Forces to remove the pet from the installation, following a second incident report.
- 4.6. Pets must be controlled indoors and outdoors to the extent they may not bark excessively, threaten, or bite visitors.
- 4.7. Security Forces may remove from quarters and yards, unattended pets creating excessive nuisance complaints or presenting an undue hazard to the base populace.
- 4.8. Breeding on base for commercial enterprise resulting in personal profit is prohibited.
- 4.9. Family housing occupants may maintain no more than two pets, unless authorized in writing, by Aurora Military Housing. Owners have 10 weeks following birth to dispose of litters.
- 4.10. Pets restrained outdoors will be kept in backyards only. Residents immediately adjacent to the "Chateau" will consult Aurora Military Housing for additional guidance.
- 4.11. Pets in estrus will not be left unattended outside the quarters.
- 4.12. Design, construction, and location of dog houses in family housing areas must be approved by Aurora Military Housing; this requires the completion of an Aurora Military Housing work request. Dog houses must be removed and the area restored to its natural state prior to termination of quarters assignment. If the pet is capable of jumping the fence, additional restraints must be in place.
- 4.13. Forms Prescribed: 3WG Form 17, *Animal Impoundment Control Record*.

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Attachment 1**GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION*****Terms***

Pet—A domestic dog or cat.

Nuisance—Any condition causing unreasonable annoyance to either residents or persons using public areas.

Commercial Enterprise—Breeding for sale more than one litter per year, or keeping more than one female for breeding and selling offspring for profit is considered commercial enterprise. Breeding on base for profit is prohibited.

Estrus—The period of time when the female animal is able to be bred or is capable of being bred.

Animal's Domicile—The pet's dwelling, including the owner's quarters, and immediate area outside the quarters.

Leash Law—Pets will be on a leash outside of the animal's domicile and under control of a responsible person capable of completely restraining the animal if it becomes aggressive. Pets may be exercised off-leash in uninhabited areas if control of the pet can be maintained by voice control.

Voice Control—An animal is under the control of a mature, responsible adult at least 18 years old. The animal must quickly respond to the voice commands and the pet must be within line of sight at all times.