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Medical Services
ANIMAL CONTROL AND VETERINARY SERVICES
FOR PRIVATELY OWNED ANIMALS

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1. Purpose. This regulation prescribes procedures for the possession and control of privately owned animals on Fort Bragg and measures to protect the health and safety of personnel and animals. It applies to all owners whose pets are brought onto or maintained within the confines of Fort Bragg. Maintaining a privately owned animal is a privilege. This privilege is dependent upon the animal's continuing ability to live harmoniously within the military community and the owner's compliance with the provisions of this regulation. The Garrison Commander has the authority to withdraw this privilege.

2. References.

a. Required or related publications.

(1) 7 USC 2158, 16 Jan 96, Animal Welfare Act. (Cited in paragraph 11.)

(2) 40 USC 291, 16 Jan 96, Admission of Guide Dogs Accompanied by Blind Masters. (Cited in paragraph 4.)

(3) Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), Article 92(1). (Cited in paragraph 17.)

(4) Army Regulation (AR) 40-905, 16 Sep 94, Veterinary Health Services. (Cited in paragraphs 3, 4, 6 and 12.)

(5) Fort Bragg Regulation 210-6, 27 Apr 93, Community Life Program.

b. Prescribed forms.

(1) DD Form 2208-Rabies Vaccination Certificate, prescribed in paragraphs 3 and 7.

(2) DD Form 2341-Report of Animal Bite - Potential Rabies Exposure, prescribed in paragraphs 12.

(3) DD Form 2623-Animal Home Quarantine, prescribed in paragraph 12.

3. Responsibilities.

a. The Installation Veterinarian will:

(1) Oversee the procedures prescribed in this regulation regarding registration and care of privately owned animals maintained on Fort Bragg.

(2) Supervise the maintenance and disposal of stray animals.

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(3) Oversee the disposition of animal abuse and neglect cases.

(4) Maintain surveillance of zoonotic disease conditions, and recommend control measures to prevent the introduction or spread of these diseases. The Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF) provides a means of identifying, treating, and preventing these disease conditions.

(5) Verify vaccination, required test, and microchip status.

(a) Issue Rabies Certificate and Fort Bragg tag for valid vaccination.

(b) Identify and correct deficiencies.

b. Army Family Housing Unit Sponsor, will:

(1) Make a copy of this regulation available to each military sponsor occupying government quarters, whether the sponsor has a privately owned animal or not.

(2) Issue citations to pet owners for violation of this regulation. Copies of the citation will be provided to the owner and to the Garrison Commander's office. The VTF will receive copies of the citations for inclusion in the animal's record from the Garrison Commander's office.

(3) Assist in identification of pets residing in housing.

c. The Provost Marshal will:

(1) Enforce the capture of stray animals.

(2) Request assistance from the installation veterinarian in the investigation of animal abuse cases.

(3) Assist in identifying pets not wearing a metal registration tag.

(4) Assist in pet violation investigation, when needed, and forward a report of the pet investigation to the Garrison Commander with an information copy provided to VTF.

(5) Issue citations for violation of microchipping policy.

d. Owners will:

(1) Provide proof of all required vaccinations, tests, and microchip status of the pets to the VTF prior to acquiring on-post

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housing, or upon acquisition of a new pet, and notify the VTF when the pets are removed from post.

(2) Provide wholesome food, fresh water, and veterinary care. Owners must seek and pay for civilian veterinary care for services that the VTF does not provide. The VTF is authorized to treat only zoonotic diseases or those that may constitute a community health problem.

(3) Prevent their pets from becoming a nuisance or menace to other persons, animals, or property. "Nuisance" is that which causes trouble, annoyance (e.g., prolonged barking, whining, or howling), or damage to private or public property. Owners are responsible for controlling all pets to prevent them from biting or injuring people or other animals, and for preventing their interference with official reviews, ceremonies, and parades.

(4) Leash a pet when exercising it off the owner's premises. Leashes must be no longer than six feet. Pets must be under the control of a mature, responsible individual who is able to keep it from performing any of the actions in subparagraph 3d(3) above. Pets may also be kept in an approved fenced area from which they cannot escape.

(5) Secure pets housed outdoors with a tether or chain no longer than 15 feet, or within a fenced area on the owner's premises. If animals are tethered or chained they must be limited to a boundary not less than four feet from common user rights-of-way (e.g., sidewalks, streets). They must not be secured to trees, shrubbery, or any government property.

(6) Clean up any waste deposited by their pet daily, and prevent any damage to trees, shrubbery, flowers, and lawns. The owner is responsible for picking up his or her animal's waste no matter where it is deposited.

(7) Provide proper shelter from the weather when housed outdoors. The shelter shall be a moisture-proof and windproof structure. The size must accommodate the entire body of the pet to allow it to stand up, turn around, and allow retention of body heat. The shelter must be made of durable material with a solid floor raised at least two inches from the ground. The entrance shall be covered by a flexible windproof material, self-closing swinging door, or windbaffle. (Appendix A shows an acceptable animal shelter.) The design and material used for the shelter must be approved and inspected by Public Works Business Center Housing Engineer. The structure will contain a sufficient quantity of bedding material consisting of hay, straw, cedar shavings, or equivalent to provide insulation and promote retention of body heat. If the temperature falls below zero degrees Fahrenheit, pets should not remain outside for more than one hour.

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(8) Keep an unspayed female pet inside quarters (except for short, supervised exercise breaks during her heat period) to prevent entry of male pets into the area.

(9) Humanely dispose of the pet when they no longer want it or are unable to adhere to the requirements in this regulation. This can be achieved by finding it a new home, or bringing it to the Fort Bragg Animal Shelter, building 2-7402, or a local animal control facility, however, acceptance at these facilities is based on availability of space.

(10) Abide by published quarantine procedures.

(11) Clear through the VTF and obtain the health records of their pet upon reassignment from Fort Bragg.

e. Motor vehicle operators who strike a domestic animal must report the incident immediately to the animal's owner. If the owner cannot be identified, the operator must report the animal's location to the Provost Marshal.

4. Limitations.

a. Subparagraph 4f through 4h does not apply to seeing eye dogs, other assistance-type dogs for the handicapped, or Pet Therapy and/or Human Animal Bond animals. Guidance in 40 USC 291, Admission of Guide Dogs Accompanied by Blind Masters, allows seeing eye dogs to go anywhere their owners are authorized, so long as they are under control.

b. Sylvatic animals (e.g., skunks, raccoons, exotic animals, such as monkeys, animals normally restricted to zoo-type confinements, ferrets, wolf-hybrids, and snakes) shall NOT be brought onto or housed on post. In addition, if these animals are found on post they should not be fed. Feeding these animals tremendously increases their population, worsening the stray animal problem and also leads to people being bitten.

c. Livestock (e.g., domestic farm animals including potbellied pigs and poultry) shall not be maintained on the installation.

d. Horses shall be maintained at the Fort Bragg stables in accordance with (IAW) stable Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).

e. Owners are limited to ownership or maintenance of two dogs, or two cats, or one of each in one family housing unit or single occupant self-contained bachelor quarters (BOQ/BEQ). A self-contained unit is an individual unit not shared in any way with other building occupants, including public lounges, hallways, and kitchens.

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f. Pets shall not be kept in barracks or other troop unit facilities. A unit mascot may be kept in an appropriate kennel outside the living quarters upon approval of the unit commander, and subject to the conditions established by the Installation Veterinarian.

g. Pets are not permitted at the transient quarters, tennis courts, golf course, swimming pool enclosures, playgrounds, or baseball fields.

h. Pets are not permitted in public buildings except those designed for their use or care.

i. Pets on Fort Bragg (to include caged animals and birds) shall not be bred for commercial purposes (see AR 40-905, paragraph 3-2i). A single litter may be treated if the owner verifies in writing that he/she is not receiving any compensation from the new owner. Litters must be registered or removed from post before 90 days of age. False certification shall result in curtailment of military veterinary services. The parents of the litter will not be authorized services until a spay/neuter certificate, signed by a licensed veterinarian, is provided to the VTF.

5. Request for Exceptions and Appeals. Address requests for exception to these provisions through the Installation Veterinarian to the Garrison Commander who is the initial decision authority for actions taken pursuant to this regulation. Appeals to actions taken or proposed, other than actions under the UMCJ, must be made in writing with complete justification through the Chief of Fort Bragg Branch Veterinary Services to the Garrison Commander. Appeals must be made within three working days of notification of any proposed action.

6. Operation of the Veterinary Treatment Facility.

a. General information.

(1) An essential mission of the VTF at Fort Bragg is the prevention of zoonotic diseases or those diseases that pose a community health problem. The VTF provides economical and professional care for privately owned pets that are within the limits of AR 40-905 and staffing abilities.

(2) Animal care services include health examination, immunizations, examination and treatment for parasites, and diagnosis and treatment for zoonotic diseases. Medical cases requiring hospitalization or extensive diagnostic testing cannot be undertaken.

b. Appointment Policies. Appointments are made by telephoning the VTF appointment line between 0800-1530 Monday through Friday. The appointment system offers examination of as many pets as possible

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during the limited time available and enables necessary records and certificates to be prepared in advance. Currently, two policies affect appointment scheduling:

(1) No-shows consist of canceling less than 24 hours before an appointment, arriving more than 10 minutes late for an appointment, or not showing up for the appointment. Three no-shows per family, within a year, will result in suspension of veterinary privileges for a year.

(2) For safety reasons, no children under 10 years of age are allowed in the clinic or on clinic grounds during appointment hours.

c. Change of Ownership. In the event that a pet registered at the VTF is sold or given away, but remains on post, the new owner must re-register the pet within ten days of acquisition.

d. Pets of Guests. Pets of guests staying with soldiers in the housing areas need not be registered, but shall be the responsibility of the sponsor. The sponsor must ensure the pet does not present a threat to the health or safety of other persons or animals on Fort Bragg.

7. Animal Registration.

a. Companion animals.

(1) All dogs and cats over three months of age kept on Fort Bragg must be registered at the VTF prior to acceptance of on-post housing.

(2) Each animal registered at the VTF will be issued a DD Form 2208, Rabies Vaccination Certificate, and a pre-numbered Fort Bragg metal rabies tag. The tag shall be affixed to a sturdy collar or harness and must be on the animal at all times.

(3) The animal, if not already microchipped, will be microchipped or given an appointment for microchipping.

b. Horses.

(1) All horses initially arriving on the installation will be placed in quarantine under the observation of a veterinarian for a period of ten days. They will be released at the end of the quarantine period if they show no signs of communicable disease and have proof of a negative Equine Infections Anemia (EIA) test within the previous 12 months. The EIA test will be performed during the quarantine period, if necessary. Owners are responsible for the costs of all tests and vaccinations.

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(2) The owner must also show current proof of vaccinations to Fort Bragg veterinary personnel for the following diseases:

- (a) Rabies - within 12 months.
- (b) Tetanus - within 12 months.
- (c) Eastern Equine Encephalitis - within six months.
- (d) Western Equine Encephalitis - within six months.
- (e) Influenza - within six months.
- (f) Rhinopneumonitis - within 12 months.

(3) At the end of the quarantine period, a horse that has a current negative EIA test, current immunizations, and is in good health will be released to its owner by a military veterinarian.

(4) Horses are considered registered on Fort Bragg upon release from quarantine by a military veterinarian.

8. Required Vaccinations, Tests, and Microchip.

a. All dogs and cats at Fort Bragg shall be vaccinated, tested and microchipped, at the owner's expense IAW the following guidelines:

(1) All vaccinations must be given by a licensed veterinarian.

(2) Dogs and cats between three and twelve months old must be vaccinated against rabies and re-vaccinated annually thereafter.

(3) All dogs must be immunized annually for distemper, leptospirosis, parainfluenza, hepatitis, and parvovirus.

(4) All cats must be immunized annually for rhinotracheitis, calicivirus, and panleukopenia.

(5) All dogs and cats must have an annual stool check for intestinal parasites.

(6) All dogs must be tested annually and be maintained on an approved heartworm preventive.

(7) If civilian veterinary services are used, a vaccination form or a letter signed by the veterinarian must be presented to the VTF.

(8) A rabies certificate is the only valid proof of a rabies vaccination.

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(9) A microchip must be implanted in all pets residing on Fort Bragg or using the Fort Bragg VTF for services.

b. All horses must be immunized annually for rabies, tetanus, rhinopneumonitis, and semi-annually for equine encephalitis, influenza. If civilian veterinarians are used, proof of vaccination must be given to the stable manager and the VTF. Proof of vaccination is a form or letter signed by a licensed veterinarian.

c. All horses must be tested annually for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA). Any horse found positive for EIA will be reported to the North Carolina State authorities, who will then direct disposition of the affected horse(s) together with quarantine and re-testing procedures for all other horses in the stable.

d. All horses will be dewormed according to a schedule and with a product outlined by the VTF veterinarian.

9. Prohibited Acts. The following acts are cause for disciplinary action. (See paragraphs 1 and 17.)

a. Leaving a pet unattended in a parked vehicle.

b. Cruelly treating, tormenting, overloading, overworking, or otherwise abusing an animal.

c. Willfully using any known poisonous substance in areas accessible to pets unless such use is IAW an officially established pest control program.

d. Repeatedly provoking and antagonizing an animal.

e. Failing to discharge the responsibilities of a pet owner, as specified in this regulation.

f. Failing to have pet microchipped.

10. Loose or Stray Animals.

a. The Provost Marshal shall apprehend and impound at the VTF any pet running loose on Fort Bragg. Once a pet has been picked up, it will not be released to the owner until the requirements in paragraph 10c below are met. At the VTF, the impounding officer will complete the stray log.

b. The VTF will house impounded pets in the stray facility for three working days and attempt to notify the owner if the pet is wearing a metal registration tag or microchipped. Additionally, the Cumberland County Animal Control may be notified to assist in

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identification of the owner if it is not wearing a metal identification tag. If ownership cannot be established, the animal will be disposed of at the discretion of the Installation Veterinarian.

c. The owner may obtain the release of the impounded pet by paying fees incurred for its maintenance. Deficiencies in the pet's vaccination, test, and microchip status shall also be addressed and fees charged to the owner. In addition, a memo of notification of pet violation will be forwarded to the Garrison Commander.

d. Veterinary Treatment Facility may recommend to the Garrison Commander that pets impounded for running loose on Fort Bragg be removed from the post.

e. Trapped feral cats and other wild animals shall be the responsibility of Pest Control, Public Works Business Center (PWBC). These animals may be taken to the VTF for disposition.

11. Abuse Complaints and Investigations.

a. Written complaints. Any person may complain to the appropriate Army Family Housing Unit Sponsor, or to the Provost Marshal in situations where there is suspicion of violation of set provisions or 7 USC 2158, Animal Welfare Act.

b. Investigations. The Provost Marshal will investigate all complaints of animal abuse/neglect and, if the complaint has justification, submit a report to the Garrison Commander with appropriate recommendations. The Installation Veterinarian will assist in the investigation, if requested.

c. Owned animals suspected of being abused cannot be housed at the VTF. The owner is responsible for procuring off-base boarding until the case is resolved.

12. Pets Who Have Bitten or Scratched Humans.

a. If a bite or scratch results in initiation of a DD Form 2341, (Report of Animal Bite - Potential Rabies Exposure), the VTF will notify the owner to present the pet for examination and quarantine. Owners must not destroy, give away, sell or otherwise dispose of the pet until completion of the quarantine period.

b. Quarantine procedures are initiated regardless of the circumstances. The pet may be held at either the VTF or at the owner's quarters at the discretion of the Installation Veterinarian or a designated representative. Factors considered include the rabies vaccination status of the pet, its health, its temperament, the demonstrated ability of the owner to comply with these provisions, and

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any other factors pertinent to the situation. The DD Form 2623 (Animal Home Quarantine) prepared by the VTF must be signed by the owner before home quarantine is authorized. Failure to comply with home quarantine procedures, outlined on that form, will result in the apprehension of the animal and completion of the remaining quarantine period at the VTF with any quarantine charges being borne by the owner. The quarantine period is ten days. The date after the bite is considered the first day of the quarantine.

c. Pets who subsequently become ill or die before the ten-day home quarantine expires must be promptly delivered to the VTF for initiation of laboratory procedures for rabies examination.

d. Only the Installation Veterinarian or a designated representative is authorized to initiate or release a pet from quarantine.

e. Provost Marshal assistance will be requested if a pet owner fails to cooperate, or if an owner cannot be located or identified.

13. Animals Behaving Strangely. Any person who observes an animal showing unusual or threatening behavior will notify the Provost Marshal who will take immediate steps to apprehend and impound the animal at the VTF. Such animal should not be killed unless they cannot safely be captured alive. If it is necessary to kill such animals, assistance may be requested from the Installation Veterinarian or a designated representative in performing humane euthanasia. Care should be taken not to destroy or damage the head, and the remains shall be delivered immediately to the VTF. Rabies testing will be performed when deemed necessary by the Installation Veterinarian.

14. Disease Outbreak Quarantine Procedures.

a. Any federal or state quarantine initiated for the control of a zoonotic or animal disease outbreak that may affect Fort Bragg will engender appropriate Fort Bragg quarantine procedures.

b. The Installation Veterinarian, in conjunction with Preventive Medicine Services, will collect and disseminate epidemiological information that may affect the status of a quarantine. All Fort Bragg activities/individuals will assist when requested.

15. Removal of Animals From Fort Bragg.

a. Animals Who Bite. Each incident resulting in a DD Form 2341 will be evaluated to determine if the pet was provoked or is vicious. The Provost Marshal may be asked to investigate.

b. Vicious Pets. Upon request of the Provost Marshal, the

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Installation Veterinarian or a designated representative will assist in the investigation of pets that appear to be vicious. Pets determined to be vicious will be identified by the VTF to the Garrison Commander with a recommendation that the pet be removed from Fort Bragg, even though it may not previously have injured a human.

c. Provoked Pets.

(1) Injuries inflicted on a human who provoked an animal are generally presumed to be the fault of the provoker. Incidents will be evaluated to determine if the individual was encroaching on the animal's space, interfering with its food, startling it, or otherwise posing a threat from the animal's perspective. Children are more frequently involved in this type of incident.

(2) Two incidents of provoked attack may result in a recommendation by the Installation Veterinarian or designated representative to the Garrison Commander that the pet be removed from Fort Bragg. All facts of each incident will be carefully weighed.

d. Unprovoked Pets. Pets inflicting injuries to humans or other animals without provocation may result in an immediate recommendation by the Installation Veterinarian or designated representative, to the Garrison Commander, that the pet be removed from Fort Bragg regardless of the number of previous attacks reported.

e. Loose or Stray Impoundment. The installation Veterinarian may recommend to the Garrison Commander that pets impounded at the VTF repeatedly be removed from Fort Bragg.

f. Recommendation for Removal. The Garrison Commander has authority to require removal of an animal from the post. The owner will be notified in writing of this decision and will have the opportunity to appeal in writing through the Chief, Fort Bragg Branch Veterinary Service, to the Garrison Commander within three working days of the notification.

16. Disposition of Deceased Animals.

a. Owners are responsible for disposal of dead pets. Dead pets may be brought to the VTF for disposal during duty hours; cost is paid by the owner. If pet is registered at the VTF, the owner should notify the VTF so that the pet's health record can be removed from the active file.

b. Animals (domestic and wild) found dead on Fort Bragg (including roads) will be reported to PWBC Engineering Equipment Section. The PWBC will dispose of the animal or deliver the remains to the VTF. If the carcass is a pet, wearing a Fort Bragg metal registration tag, delivery shall be made to the VTF, which will attempt to notify the owner.

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c. All animals that die on Ft Bragg are subject to a necropsy by the Installation Veterinarian when professional judgment deems it necessary.

17. Enforcement Authority.

a. Military offenders are subject to prosecution under the UCMJ.

b. Civilian offenders are subject to prosecution in a federal court.

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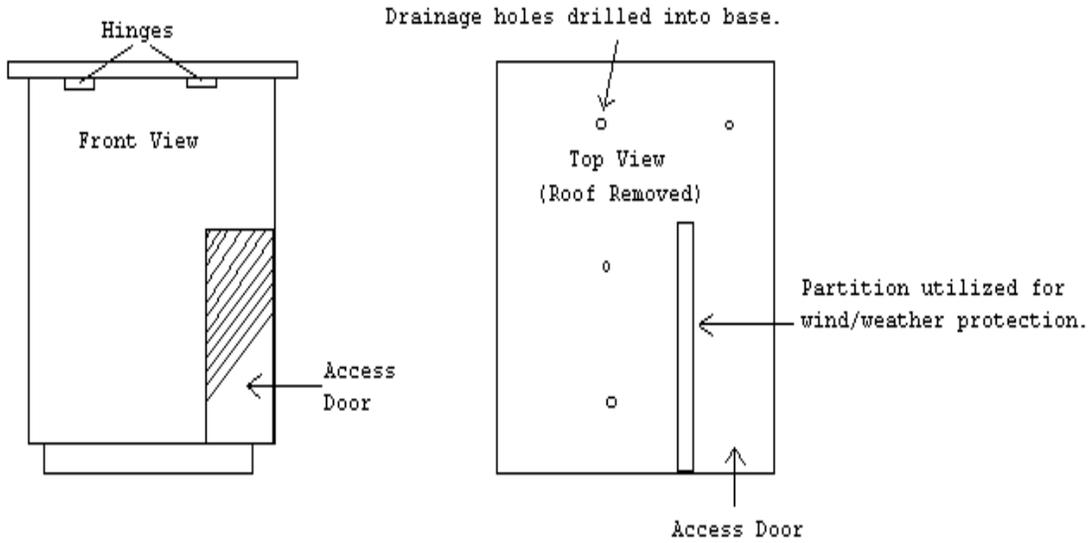
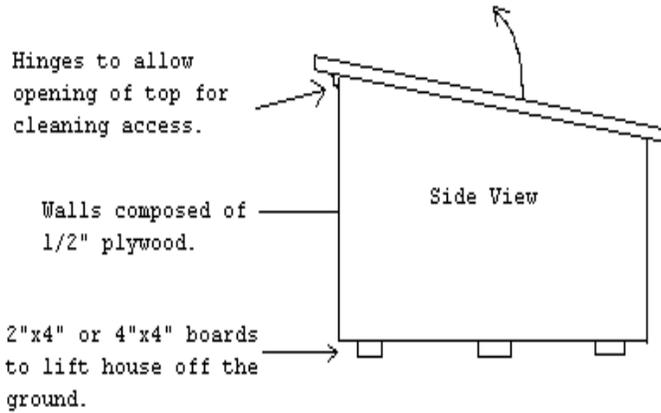
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APPENDIX A



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GLOSSARY

**Section I
Abbreviations.**

AR	Army Regulation
BEQ	Bachelor Enlisted Quarters
BOQ	Bachelor Officers Quarters
CASBC	Community Activities and Services Business Center
DD	Department of Defense
EIA	Equine Infectious Anemia
FN	File Number
IAW	In Accordance With
PWBC	Public Works Business Center
UCMJ	Uniform Code of Military Justice
USC	United States Code
VTF	Veterinary Treatment Facility

**Section II
Terms.**

Animal. Any living mammal, as opposed to a fish, bird, turtle, etc., having the ability to move; presence of a nervous system; responds to stimuli; requires nourishment. Sometimes used interchangeably with "pet."

Army Family Housing. Government housing at Fort Bragg and the Army Community Housing, Heritage Village.

Commercial Purposes. Receiving any compensation for offspring or breeding services.

Livestock. Domestic farm animals (e.g., cattle, pigs, chickens, etc). (See paragraph 6c.)

Horse. Any equine (horse, pony, donkey, mule).

Owner. A person with primary responsibility for the animal's care and control; normally the sponsor.

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Pet. A domesticated or tamed animal that is cared for affectionately (e.g., dog, cat, hamsters, gerbils, caged small animals, caged birds, etc.). Sometimes used interchangeably with "privately owned animals." (See paragraph 6d.)

Sylvatic animal. Animals normally associated with those living in the woods, e.g., skunks, raccoons, monkeys, ferrets, snakes, wolves or wolf-hybrids, and other exotic animals. (See paragraph 6b.)

Stray. An animal that is caught wandering about without an owner. This does not include animals an owner wants to dispose of.

Zoonotic. Transmissible from animal to man or animal.