



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON BAUMHOLDER
UNIT 23746
APO AE 09034-0003

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy Letter 5-6, Stray and Feral Animal Policy Letter

1. Stray cats are defined as cats which were once domesticated, but were abandoned, lost, or ran away. Feral animals are descendants of domesticated "pet" cats that have returned to the wild. Stray and feral cats often form colonies in a particular location around a common food source, such as a dumpster, open garbage dump or where people offer handouts. Feral cats raise concerns that include the affect on wildlife in the ecosystem and their potential to carry and spread disease through biting/scratching.

2. Potential diseases include:

- a. Ringworm.
- b. Parasitic worms.
- c. Feline immunodeficiency virus (this disease is only passed from cat to cat, not cat to human).
- d. Feline leukemia (is only passed from cat to cat, not cat to human).
- e. Toxoplasmosis (a parasitic disease which is particularly dangerous to pregnant women and babies).
- f. Cat scratch fever (which also affects humans).
- g. Rabies (only transmitted through saliva, not by scratching).

3. Animal Feeding Policy.

- a. In an effort to reduce the community's health risk from contact with feral animals, the following policy has been adopted.
- b. The abandonment of animals on the installation is strictly forbidden.

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c. Stray or feral animals that are not a risk and do not represent a hazard, cause property damage, create a public nuisance and do not involve human intervention, will be allowed to travel about on the installation grounds. Prohibited human intervention includes, but is not limited to, feeding and building of shelters.

d. Installation residents and employees are prohibited from leaving unattended food or water on installation grounds for the purpose of feeding animals.

e. The practice of leaving food stuff outdoors attracts undesirable wild and feral species, which in turn creates a health risk. Any food found outside an installation building on Garrison grounds will be promptly removed and disposed of.

f. All trash dumpsters, in which food may potentially be disposed of, are to be kept clean and covered at all times.

g. Installation residents and employees are required to comply with all aspects of this policy and are responsible for reporting incidences of non-compliance to the Garrison Directorate of Emergency Services.

h. Stray or feral animals that are a potential risk, represent a hazard, cause property damage, create a nuisance or otherwise pose a potential conflict for humans will be regulated, controlled and humanely relocated in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

4. Punitive Nature. Any person identified as violating any section of this policy will be informed of the "No Feeding Policy" and the incident will be reported to either their Chain of Command or the Civilian Misconduct Office, as appropriate.

5. Proponent for this policy is MAJ Dominic P. DeFrancisco, Director of Emergency Services at DSN 485-1580.



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