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REPLY TO  
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: US Army Garrison Policy Memorandum #28, Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Mandatory Pet Microchipping Policy

1. REFERENCES.

- a. Army Regulation 40-905, Veterinary Health Service, 29 August 2006.
- b. Third Infantry Division & Fort Stewart Regulation 40-12, Medical Services, Pet and Animal Disease Control, 10 August 2007.
- c. Georgia Code 4-11-15.1.

2. BACKGROUND: The United States Army Public Health Command strongly recommends a mandatory microchipping policy on all military installations. Microchipping pets will reduce the number of strays or abandoned animals, decrease the potential exposure of infectious diseases to humans, and decrease the number of strays euthanized by increasing the return of lost pets to owners.

3. SCOPE: This policy applies to all Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield residents.

4. POLICY:

a. All privately owned dogs and cats residing on post must be microchipped at the time of pet registration at the Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF). The cost associated for microchipping pets is the responsibility of the pet owner. Pet registration and concurrent microchipping must occur within five duty days of arrival and assignment to on-post housing quarters on Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, or within five days of obtaining the pet. This policy does not pertain to animals that have been previously microchipped and have the chip identification number scanned and verified at the VTF.

b. The cost per animal for microchipping includes lifetime enrollment. There are several bonus features of the HomeAgain microchip that requires annual renewal at a cost of slightly less than \$20.00 per year.

c. The procedure for implantation of the microchip consists of a microchip under the skin in the area of the shoulder blades on an outpatient basis, similar to vaccination.

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d. Owners who fail to comply with the mandatory microchipping will be notified in writing through their chain of command. Failure to comply after written notification will result in the removal of the animal(s) from the installation.

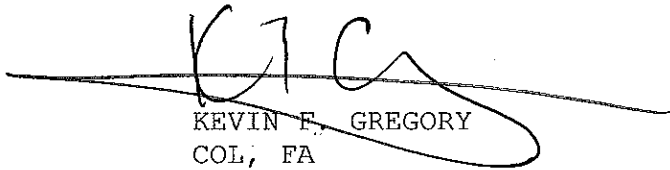
5. RESPONSIBILITY: The Directorate of Emergency Services, Balfour Beatty Communities, and the Veterinary Services will enforce this policy.

a. All animals apprehended by the Directorate of Emergency Services and placed in the Impound Facility will be scanned to verify microchip identification number. If no microchip is detected, the animal must be microchipped by the Veterinary Services at the owner's expense prior to release to the owner.

b. All animals not in compliance when presented to the Veterinary Treatment Facility for routine veterinary visits will be required to be microchipped prior to discharge.

c. Any individual who knowingly and intentionally abandons any domesticated animal on post may face adverse criminal or administrative action and revocation of the privilege to own animals on the installation.

6. PROPONENT: The proponent of this supplement is the Directorate of Emergency Services.

  
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