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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF
IMWE-WSM-MW

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MEMORANDUM FOR White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) Pet Owners

SUBJECT: Stray Animal Control Procedures on WSMR

1. References:

- a. Army Regulation (AR) 40-905, Veterinary Health Services, 29 August 2006.
- b. Balfour Beatty Community Resident Guide, April 2005.

2. This memorandum establishes the procedures for controlling and managing stray animals found within the boundaries of WSMR.

3. WSMR does not have the resources nor the facilities for the prolonged care of stray animals that have been impounded, quarantined, or require disposal or other physical control. Currently, a military veterinarian from the Fort Bliss branch provides professional support one day a month in accordance with AR 40-905. Because of these circumstances, WSMR has entered into an agreement with Dona Ana County Sheriff's Department, Animal Control Branch, to assist with the control and management of stray animals found on WSMR. The following procedures will be followed when stray animals are found on the installation:

- a. Personnel from the Directorate of Environmental and Safety (DES), Law Enforcement Division will capture and /or receive stray animals found within the boundaries of WSMR. All animals that can be identified will be returned to their legal owner without impoundment when possible. All unidentified stray animals will be placed in the impoundment facility located behind the Veterinary Treatment Facility, Building 1833 S., Craig Street, WSMR. DES personnel will then notify Dona Ana Animal Control of the stray animal and request pick up and transfer of the animal to the Animal Services Center of Mesilla Valley (ASCMV), 3551 Bataan Memorial West, Las Cruces, NM 88012, 575-382-0018. Hours of operation: M-F – 1200-1800 hours, Sat/Sun – 1200-1700 hours.

- b. DES personnel will maintain documentation on the transfer of animals. If you have lost a pet, please contact the Law Enforcement Division – Dispatch Office at 678-1234 for information regarding your pet. Once the animal has been transferred to ASCMV, procedures for that facility will be followed. It is the pet owner's responsibility to contact ASCMV to make arrangements to retrieve the pet and it is also the pet owner's responsibility to pay all fees owed the facility.

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4. It is mandatory for all WSMR residents to have their domestic animals micro-chipped. You may contact the Veterinary Treatment Facility at 575-678-2683 or 575-572-3308 or a local Veterinarian to do so. Microchips are a permanent, safe and an efficient means to identify your animal and help ensure return of your pet if it gets lost or stolen.

5. Point of contact is Donna Bandera, 575-678-4586.



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