

PER AFJI 48-131, EAFBSUP1, VETERINARY HEALTH SERVICES

Personnel keeping privately owned animals on Ellsworth Air Force Base will:

A2.4.5.1. Ensure that privately owned animals arriving at Ellsworth Air Force Base are registered at the Veterinary Treatment Facility within 10 days of arrival. Registration must be performed annually thereafter (aquarium fish, small caged rodents, small caged amphibians and reptiles, and caged birds are exempt from registration) by providing proof of current vaccination. All dogs and cats registered after 1 January 2000 will receive or must have a permanent microchip electronic identification implant. The Veterinary Treatment Facility will provide this service at cost plus a marginal administrative fee. Registration will also consist of providing proof of current rabies vaccination and other required vaccinations. Failure to register; stray impoundment; exceeding the two pet limit per quarters; animal abuse or neglect; or animal bite incidents may result in loss of Veterinary Treatment Facility privileges, warning memorandum, notice of animal removal, notice of possible termination of quarters, and/or termination of quarters.

A2.4.5.2. Provide adequate food, water, shelter, care, and medical care for privately owned animals.

A2.4.5.3. Be responsible for maintaining the health and well being of all privately owned animals to include all vaccinations and testing in accordance with AFJI 48-131, or as directed by the base veterinarian.

A2.4.5.4. Ensure animals are under proper control at all times. Animals will not be chained or tied to fixed structures unless the area is fenced and not accessible by children. Caged rodents, reptiles, and amphibians will be kept in their cages at all times. Personnel in residing in base housing must have approval through the housing authority to keep exotic animals, to include any type of snake.

A2.4.5.5. Be responsible for damages to real property or for injury to persons caused by their animals in accordance with South Dakota State Law. Owners are responsible for all appropriated fund costs incurred by the Air Force as a result of damage or cost incurred while dealing with offending animals.

A2.4.5.6. Not allow animals to run at large in the base housing area or other areas used by base personnel. When exercising animals in these areas, the animals must be leashed at all times. Animals will not be leashed or tethered to sign posts, railings, or other objects in front of public facilities. Animal owners will not allow their dogs to harass wildlife.

A2.4.5.7. Not bring animals into public facilities. This does not include Military Working Dogs or service animals performing work for a person with a disability.

A2.4.5.8. Not house exotic pets, venomous reptiles, or venomous insects.

A2.4.5.9. Only maintain two walking animals per household. (Litters under three months of age are exempt; homes must be found for pets by the age of three months.)

A2.4.5.10. Appeal in writing within two working days through his/her unit commander and 28 MSG/CC when notified his/her animal is banned from base and action is contested by the owner.

A2.4.5.11. Not conduct any kennel type or animal breeding operation in family housing.

A2.4.5.12. Transport their animals involved in bite incidents to the base veterinary service for examination and comply with quarantine procedures mandated by the veterinary service, if necessary.

A2.4.5.13. Remove animal waste daily in family housing areas and horse stables. Owners will pick up animal waste from their own area and also when walking their animals outside of their areas such as in public/play areas, common areas, or in other resident areas.

A2.4.5.14. Ensure proper disposal of their deceased animals. Privately owned animals will not be buried within the boundaries of Ellsworth Air Force Base without permission of 28 CES/CC.

A2.4.5.15. Pick up their animal's medical record from Veterinary Treatment Facility during out-processing.

A2.4.5.16. Place current rabies vaccination tags on their cats and dogs.

A2.4.5.17. Claim their animals at Humane Society of the Black Hills when notified of its impoundment.