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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Garrison Commander's Policy Memorandum No. 25 — Mandatory Pet Microchipping

1. Reference: AR 40-905 and MFR, Southeast Regional Veterinary Command (SERVC), 26 January 2005, subject: Mandatory Microchipping.

2. Background: VETCOM and SERVC strongly recommend 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 Gordon 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). Pet registration and concurrent microchipping must occur within five duty days of arrival and assignment to government quarters at Fort Gordon, or within five duty 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.

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

d. If owners fail to comply with mandatory microchipping, they 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 post.

5. Responsibility: The Provost Marshal, Balfour Beatty Communities, and Veterinary Services will enforce this policy.

a. All animals apprehended by the Provost Marshal and/or Pest Control and placed in the Impound Facility will be scanned to verify microchip identification number. If no microchip is detected, then the animal must be microchipped by 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.

6. The point of contact for this policy is the Deputy to the Garrison Commander, 706-791-6300.

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