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REGIMENTAL ORDER 6200.2

From: Commanding Officer  
To: Distribution List

Subj: Control of Mascots (Dogs, Cats, Monkey, etc)

Ref: (a) MACV DIRECTIVE, Number 40-7 (Annex H) of 11Aug65

1. Purpose. To establish a uniform procedure for the control of pets in areas controlled by the 1st Marine Regiment.

2. Background. During a recent period three of five dogs impounded by the Preventive Medicine Unit for observation for rabies were found to be infected with the disease. Because of the high incidence of rabies in Vietnam, it is imperative that control of pets be enforced. This must include dogs, cats, monkeys, etc., inasmuch as these animals are susceptible to the disease.

3. Action

a. All animals except dogs are prohibited. Each dog will be the direct responsibility of some particular individual, will be kept on a leash at all times, and will not be permitted in barracks or living spaces.

b. All dogs over three months of age will be vaccinated for rabies.

c. Any dog that becomes a nuisance due to temperament, or barking, or in any other manner will be impounded and destroyed.

(1) In the Danang area vaccination can be obtained through the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps, the office of which is located at 124 Duong Nguyen-Du, Danang, telephone Puma 230 or Danang 6157. The cost is \$1.00 per shot. This service is also available through the U.S.A.F Veterinary Corps, telephone Danang 6333, by appointment only.

(2) Arrangements have been made to have the Army Veterinarian visit the Chu Lai and Phu Bai areas periodically for the purpose of vaccinating animals. For information relative to this, call Puma 230 or Danang 6157.

(3) Each animal must have a suitable collar, with the vaccination tag attached.

d. All dogs will have a record of immunization retained at sickbay and owners will have in their possession, a copy of the same.

e. Any animal found at large will be impounded and destroyed.

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f. Any animal appearing sick should be captured, using a net or noose, and handled with heavy gloves. Do not kill the animal. Confine the animal in a secure cage for ten days. If the dog is alive after 10 days it is not rabid. If the animal dies, immediately deliver the carcass to the Preventive Medicine Unit laboratory at FLSG.

g. Bites by any animal must be promptly reported to the nearest U. S. Military Medical facility for evaluation and treatment. The 1st MAW Preventive Medicine Technician will assist in the paper work necessary pursuant to reference (a).

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