

HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES ARMY VIETNAM  
APO San Francisco 96375REGULATION  
NUMBER 40-65~~SECRET~~ 1974Medical Services  
EVACUATION OF MILITARY DOGS

1. PURPOSE: To prescribe policies and procedures for the efficient evacuation of military dogs from all points in RVN to the appropriate echelon of veterinary care.
2. DEFINITIONS:
  - a. Dustoff. That portion of the chain of events that brings an animal from point of illness or injury to first veterinary care. Normally accomplished via helicopter (see USARV Reg 40-10).
  - b. Medical evacuation (medevac). That portion of the chain of events that brings an animal from one echelon of veterinary care to a higher echelon.
    - (1) Priority. Those cases that will rapidly deteriorate if not moved to a higher echelon treatment facility.
    - (2) Routine. Those Cases that will not rapidly deteriorate but do need prolonged treatment, special treatment or surgery available only at a higher echelon of veterinary care.
3. PROCEDURES:
  - a. Other than field casualties, all dogs must be evacuated under the authority of the supporting veterinary officer. Veterinary specialists and personnel of the owning unit are not authorized to initiate medevac procedures. On site personnel, however, are expected to initiate dustoff procedures (see USARV Reg 40-10).
  - b. Medical records, including a write up of the present condition, will accompany all medevac dogs except field casualties that do not pass through their permanent record site in the evacuation route. These animals must have some form of write up of treatment for the condition if seen by corpsmen, veterinary specialist, or veterinarian.
  - c. All animals will be stabilized by veterinary personnel at the earliest possible point in the evacuation chain. Lengthy evacuations of very seriously ill or injured animals may require the escort of veterinary personnel to maintain stabilization.
  - d. When the decision is made to evacuate dogs to a hospital facility at Cam Ranh Bay or Long Binh the following steps must be taken:
    - (1) Telephone the responsible treatment facility 967-2014 (CRB) or 926-5442/2631 (LBP) giving them the dog's condition, expected arrival time and arrival location.

(2) Orders must be cut by parent unit for movement of escort personnel and must allow sufficient time for return travel.

(3) For dogs requiring a shipping crate for travel, a return TCMD must be prepared for the shipping crate and sent with the handler.

(4) The handler must be briefed as to care of the animal and have sufficient clothing and money for several days travel. In the case of a fractious animal the handler's presence may be necessary for daily treatment.

e. Actual manifesting procedures will depend on local interpretation of Air Force regulations. Generally dogs are manifested on mixed passenger cargo flights or straight cargo flights. Sentry dogs are generally required to be in a shipping crate while other military dogs need only be escorted with muzzle (see MAC Manual 76-1, Vol. I).

f. Normally all routine medevac cases destined for Long Binh will be manifested to Bien Hoa to facilitate movement to the Military Dog Hospital. Priority medevacs will be moved by the most expeditious means.

g. Upon arrival at Tan Son Nhut or Bien Hoa, the escort should immediately call 926-5442/2631 to arrange further transportation. The escort will be instructed as to the pickup point and approximate time. Hitchhiking or changing locations is not authorized. Cam Ranh Bay evacuees will telephone 967-2014 upon arrival.

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