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PRIVATELY OWNED HORSES

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This instruction implements *48-1, Aerospace Medical Program*. This instruction establishes authority and responsibility for the prevention of disease transmission from horses to humans; and for the inhumane treatment of horses through mistreatment, improper animal husbandry practices or neglect. It applies to owners of horses stabled on Hill AFB.

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

This publication is revised to update organizational titles and functional address symbols; paragraph 2 - quarterly inspections are submitted to the Commander, Rocky Mountain Veterinary Service Support District @ Ft. Carson, CO; paragraph 3.1, All horses will be vaccinated semiannually for Eastern/Western Encephalitis, Tetanus, Influenza, and Rhinopneumonitis, and annually for Rabies. Horses will be dewormed quarterly. Owners of off-base horses will be required to provide documentation of negative Coggins test results (current within six months), Rabies vaccination (current within 12 months), EEE/WEE/Tetanus/Influenza/Rhinopneumonitis vaccination (current within six months), and deworming prior to their arrival on station; and paragraph 3.2, newly arrived horses must undergo a five day quarantine period under the supervision of the Chief VSH. A (|) indicates revisions from the previous edition.

1. RESPONSIBILITIES:

1.1. The Chief Veterinary Services Hill AFB(VSH) will perform routine inspections to ensure all horses stabled on Hill AFB are kept under the same humane and public health standards routinely practiced in Utah. Complaints of animal abuse or neglect will be investigated by the Chief VSH who will make appropriate recommendations to the Wing Commander (75 ABW/CC).

1.2. Equine organizations will provide proper facilities to ensure horses will be maintained in accordance with all applicable directives and standards. Supervision will be exercised to assure all animals are treated humanely and good husbandry is practiced.

1.3. Horse owners will individually or collectively arrange for veterinary care from civilian veterinarians. Emergency veterinary care should be sought or contracted with civilian veterinarians. The Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF Building 401) is neither equipped or authorized to provide ongoing emergency service to horse owners.

2. INSPECTIONS. An inspection of horses and facilities of each equine organization will be made at least quarterly by the Chief VSH. These inspections will be performed to evaluate sanitation, animal husbandry, safety practices, facilities, and overall management. Results of each inspection will be sent to the President of the Equine Organization and to the Commander of the Rocky Mountain VSSD @ Ft. Carson, CO.

3. DISEASE CONTROL:

3.1. Vaccinations. All horses on the installation will be vaccinated semiannually for Eastern and Western Encephalitis (EEE, WEE), Rhinopneumonitis (EHV-1), Tetanus, and Influenza; and annually for Rabies. Coggins test for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) will be performed annually in conjunction with the vaccination program. Horses will be dewormed quarterly. Owners of off base horses will be required to provide documentation of negative Coggins tests (current within six months), Rabies vaccination (current within 12 months), EEE/WEE/EHV-1/Tetanus/Influenza vaccination (current within 6 months), and deworming *prior* to their arrival on station. Vaccinations should be given at least 5-10 days (Rabies-5way) prior to arrival to be considered immunized. All vaccination records will be maintained at Veterinary Services (VTF Bldg. 401).

3.2. Quarantine. Newly arrived horses must undergo a five day quarantine period under the supervision of the Chief VSH. Quarantined horses will not be allowed to come in contact with nonquarantined horses, areas, equipment, corrals, water, or feed. Access to quarantine areas or horses will be strictly limited to those persons directly responsible for their care. If longer quarantine periods are deemed necessary due to specific outbreak or epidemiological concerns, the Chief VSH may quarantine individual horses or the entire stable area to prevent the spread of disease.

4. DEAD HORSE DISPOSAL. Horses must be disposed of as soon after death as possible. Disposal by burial should be in a sanitary landfill or on approved sites with at least five feet of dirt above the carcass.

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