



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY ARMOR CENTER AND FORT KNOX
FORT KNOX, KENTUCKY 40121-5000

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

ATZK-OSE (100)

8 July 2003

MEMORANDUM FOR

Commanders, All Units Reporting Directly to This Headquarters
Directors and Chiefs, Staff Offices/ Departments, This Headquarters

SUBJECT: USAARMC Policy Memo No. 7-03 – Control of Pest Animals

1. References.

- a. Fort Knox Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan, February 2001.
- b. Fort Knox Regulation 40-12, Control of Animals-Pets, 1 October 2001.
- c. Armed Forces Pest Management Board Technical Information Memorandum No. 37, January 1996.
- d. Fort Knox Integrated Pest Management Plan, September 2002.

2. Purpose. The purpose of this policy is to identify responsibilities for control of feral animals and nuisance wildlife within the cantonment area.

3. General. Feral cats, groundhogs, skunks, raccoons, and opossums within the cantonment area have reached a population that needs to be controlled, specifically feral cats and groundhogs. These animals are carriers of disease and ectoparasites such as fleas and ticks. Groundhog burrows are a safety hazard and undermine roadways, storm drains, building structures, etc., which costs the installation money. Reducing these populations will require the efforts of Fort Knox residents and employees. Feral cats and dogs that are trapped by ACSS Pest Control will be delivered to Veterinary Services for euthanasia. Unprotected species such as groundhogs will be controlled by using traps or gas cartridge. Protected wildlife species such as raccoons, opossums, and skunks will be controlled by trapping and removal from the cantonment area. These animals will be relocated to a site far enough away to ensure they do not return (i.e. 15 miles away or across a body of water).

4. Responsibilities Effectively Immediately.

- a. ACSS Pest Control will increase operations to reduce the population of skunks, opossums, raccoons, groundhogs, and feral cats.

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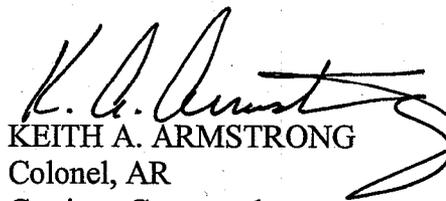
b. Housing occupants will ensure that food for outside pets such as dogs and cats is not left unattended. Spilled food of outside pets must be removed and not allowed to stay on the ground where it will attract wild animals. Occupants will ensure that all garbage cans have tight fitting lids so as not to attract pests.

c. Feeding of stray cats, dogs, or any other wildlife on the installation is strictly prohibited. If any person is found violating this directive, the Garrison Commander will issue a written warning for the first offense. Military and civilian employees will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action for subsequent offenses. Feeding feral cats, dogs, and other wildlife provides a ready source of food for many species of wild animals. Wild animals attracted to this food will stay in the area.

d. The Provost Marshal's office will be responsible for removal of pest animals by dart gun or firearms in the event of a disease outbreak, a gravely injured animal, or in the case of a vicious animal.

5. Point of contact is Mr. Al Freeland, Chief, Environmental Management Division, Directorate of Base Operations Support, phone 624-3629.

FOR THE COMMANDER:


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