



REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**  
PARKS RESERVE FORCES TRAINING AREA  
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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL Parks Reserve Forces Training Area Soldiers and Civilians

SUBJECT: PRFTA Policy 38, Feeding of Wild or Feral Animals

1. REFERENCES.

- a. DOD Directive 4715.1E, Environmental Security, 15 March 2005.
- b. DoD Instruction 4150.07, DoD Pest Management Program, 29 May 2008.
- c. AR 40-905, Veterinary Health Services, 29 Aug 2006.
- d. AR 40-5, Preventative Medicine, 25 May 2007.

2. PURPOSE. The purpose is to establish a garrison policy governing the feeding of wild or feral animals on Parks Reserve Forces Training Area (PRFTA). This includes those measures necessary to protect the health, safety, and harmonious coexistence of personnel, their family members, their pets, and wildlife populations on the installations. This policy will:

- a. Ensure responsible pet care and ownership.
- b. Provide for the health and welfare of stray and feral animals while protecting personnel, their pets, and wildlife from injury, disease, or death.
- c. Prevent the accumulation of fecal material from stray and feral animals in and around buildings, parking lots, and sports and recreation fields.
- d. Prevent the occurrence of flea and other disease vector or ectoparasite infestations that result from the persistent presence of stray animals.
- e. Control pest problems caused by American Cockroaches, mongoose, and rats that benefit from the feeding of stray and feral animals.

3. DEFINITIONS.

- a. Pet. Any domesticated animal, not including farm, game, or exotic animals, kept as part of a household.

b. Stray. An uncontrolled domestic animal whose owner is unknown and cannot be identified.

c. Feral. A domesticated animal that is uncontrolled and has returned to and exists in a wild state.

d. Abandon. An individual removing or allowing the removal of a pet or other domestic animal from its home and releasing it without the intent of retrieval and return to a household, transferring ownership, or directly providing for its care so that the animal must fend for itself or be taken care of by others.

e. Owner. The legal owner of a pet and the individual primarily responsible for the pet's registration, health and welfare, care, and maintenance requirements. Also, the individual responsible for any costs incurred by other parties as a result of care and maintenance provided for the pet, or due to pet related damages.

f. Caretaker. An individual who assumes primary responsibility for a group or colony of abandoned, stray or feral animals to provide for their health and welfare, care, and maintenance requirements in an organized manner. Also, the individual responsible for any costs incurred by other parties as a result of care and maintenance provided for any colony animals, or due to colony animal-related damages.

g. Feeder. An individual who assumes responsibility for one or more abandoned, stray or feral animal(s) to primarily feed them, but also, to provide for their health and welfare, care, and maintenance requirements. Also, the individual responsible for any cost incurred by other parties as a result of care and maintenance provided for the animals, or due to animal related damages.

4. APPLICABILITY. These procedures are applicable to all Parks Reserve Forces Training Area (PRFTA), Soldiers and Civilians.

5. POLICY. This policy memorandum provides the governing policy for the control of wild or feral animals to reduce and eliminate the negative impacts on PRFTA.

a. No person shall intentionally feed a wild animal or leave food or attractants of any type or in any form out of doors in such a manner as to attract, or be accessible by a wild animal, feral or stray domestic animal on PRFTA. This does not apply to the feeding of humming birds on a property, provided the following feeding requirements are met by the owner or occupier:

- (1) Seed is placed in a bird feeding device that is sufficiently above ground as to not attract or be accessible by wild animals; and

(2) Bird feeding practices do not attract large flocks of turkeys, wild, feral or domestic pigeons; and

(3) Spillage of seed upon the ground is removed by the owner or occupier forthwith and disposed of in such a manner that it does not attract wild animals, feral or stray domestic animals.

b. If a feral or pest animal is found, contact the PRFTA Installation Pest Management Coordinator at (925) 875-4685.

6. PROPONENT. The proponent for this policy is the Director of Public Works at (925) 875-4638.



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