

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

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MEMORANDUM FOR Andersen Air Force Base Pet Lodge

SUBJECT: Notification of Fees for Post Arrival/Quarantine Release Examinations Performed by Andersen Air Force Base (AFB) Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF)

- 1. This memorandum applies to animals owned by military personnel arriving via commercial air or by military chartered flights that will be quarantined at the Andersen Pet Lodge facility. The Andersen VTF veterinarian on duty will provide an import quarantine release examination on each animal observing for symptoms of rabies and other infectious or zoonotic diseases. The Andersen VTF veterinarian will make every attempt to perform quarantine release examinations on the first business day after arrival, pending other mission requirements.
- 2. The import quarantine release examination is not a full physical examination and will not serve to establish a valid veterinary/client/patient relationship (VCPR). A physical examination is required by regulation once every 12 months in order to prescribe medications (including preventative medications that require prescription by a licensed veterinarian).
- a. Animals that have received a physical examination at a military VTF within the previous 12 months have an established VCPR and medical record. Existing refills in the military veterinary medical record can be filled at Andersen AFB VTF or Boller VTF on Naval Base Guam. Prescriptions for heartworm preventative medications require a negative heartworm test performed within the previous 12 months to be documented in the record. Test results from civilian facilities will be accepted if results of the test are documented and legible and have been performed within 12 months.
- b. Animals that have NOT been examined by a military VTF within the previous 12 months do not have an established VCPR with military veterinarians and will need to schedule an appointment with the VTF for an annual wellness or sick call examination before medications can be prescribed from either of the military VTFs on Guam.

3. Fees

- a. Import Quarantine Release Exam \$15 + \$2 user fee per transaction. For example, two pets in the same household will be \$32.
- b. Check, MasterCard, Visa or Discover are the only accepted forms of payment and must be made to Andersen VTF prior to your pet being released from quarantine. Pre-payment for exam release is strongly recommended to avoid

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delays. Transfer of your pet's record(s) into the Andersen VTF database (for those that are established patients) or registering your pet will be necessary before pre-paying.

- 4. Andersen VTF Hours of operations:
 - a. Monday-Thursday: 0900-1200, 1300-1600
 - b. Friday: 0900-1200
- c. Andersen VTF is closed on weekends, federal holidays, and the last business day of the month for required inventory.

5. Contact:

- a. Andersen VTF is Building 20011, the building south of Andersen Pet Lodge on Arc Light Blvd.
 - b. Phone: 671-366-3205
- 6. The point of contact for this action is Public Health Activity-Guam Executive Officer at jeramie.m.abel.mil@mail.mil or Commercial: (671) 339-3028.

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