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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

MCVS-ATS-CL SOP AN-15

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STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR
EQUINE HERD HEALTH PROGRAM

1. PURPOSE/SCOPE: To prescribe requirements for equines residing on MCB Camp Lejeune for prevention of transmissible diseases and isolation requirements for new equine arrivals.

2. REFERENCE:

- a. AR 40-905, Veterinary Health Services
- b. MCB Camp Lejeune Base Order 10570.1C-Domestic Animal Control

3. RESPONSIBILITIES:

- a. This SOP applies to owners of equines stabled at MCB Camp Lejeune and personnel assigned or having responsibility for equine herd health at the Camp Lejeune VTF and base stables.
- b. The Branch Chief and base stable manager will ensure that owners comply with the requirements of this SOP.

4. PROCEDURES:

- a. All equines located on Camp Lejeune will be included in this program.
- b. Residing horses will be vaccinated and Coggins (EIA) tested annually, at a minimum, by a licensed veterinarian. Required vaccinations include: Eastern Equine Encephalomyelitis (EEE), Western Equine Encephalomyelitis (WEE), Equine Influenza, Rabies, West Nile, Tetanus, and Rhinopneumonitis. All vaccines will be administered beginning at the age recommended by the vaccine manufacturer or attending veterinarian.
 - (1) The above vaccine requirements are a minimum. The individual owners should discuss with their veterinarian what vaccination protocol offers the best protection for their horse, keeping in mind that this is a herd environment.
 - (2) Owners will show proof of services (Coggins, vaccinations, and deworming) to the stable manager within 14 days of services. Each month the stable manager will forward an updated roster to include vaccinations to the Camp Lejeune VTF.
- c. Equines will be dewormed, at least quarterly with a veterinarian approved treatment schedule, through the base stable manager.

d. All preventive medical treatments will be posted in the animal's health record. Health records will be maintained at the VTF as well as documentation at the base stable for access.

e. Owners who refuse to cooperate with the Equine Herd Health Program will be referred through the Branch Chief to the Base Commander.

f. In the event of a horse's death due to illness or euthanasia, the remains will be disposed of properly within an appropriate time period.

g. Newly arrived equines to MCB Camp Lejeune will be housed in the isolation pasture/barn for a minimum of 10 days. They will be confined to this area at all times and will, under no circumstances, leave the isolation area. The base veterinarian is the ultimate authority deciding any requirements for quarantine.

(1) All newly arrived equines will be examined by a veterinarian upon arrival. It is highly recommended that they also be examined by a veterinarian before release from quarantine, as the mission permits. At a minimum, the horse will be examined by a member of the Scarlet and Gold Riding Club (SGRC) Executive Board before quarantine release. The following will be examined:

- (i) Nasal/ocular discharge
- (ii) Behavior: horse should be alert with head up
- (iii) Body Condition: no signs of emaciation/horse looks well overall
- (iv) Hooves: should be free of any lesions or sores

h. If the examining personnel have any doubt about the health of the horse, the base veterinarian will be contacted for further guidance. Only healthy horses will be released into the herd. Due to core mission requirements, military VCOs will be unavailable for routine quarantine examinations.

i. All horses arriving on base will have a negative Coggins test and the minimum required vaccines within the past 12 months. All proof of vaccinations and tests from a licensed veterinarian must be provided to the base stable manager 72 hours prior to arrival. If the horse has been transported interstate, a signed Health Certificate is also required.

(1) The stable manager will provide the VTF will all vaccinations, Coggins tests, and dewormings within 7 days of arrival.

j. Equine animals removed from the installation for 90 or more days must undergo quarantine upon reentry. The area visited by the horse must not have been under any quarantine measures (EIA, Strangles, Vesicular stomatitis, etc.). Owners must practice sound husbandry procedures when participating in horse shows, trail rides, etc. to avoid nose-to-nose contact and the use of communal water and feed troughs.

5. SUPERSESSION NOTICE: This SOP supercedes MCVS-ATS-CL SOP 403 and MCVS-ATS-CL SOP 404 dated 10 April 2009.

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