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MARINE CORPS INSTALLATIONS COMMAND POLICY LETTER 4-14

From: Commander, Marine Corps Installations Command
To: Distribution List

Subj: USE OF ANIMALS FOR TRAINING ON MARINE CORPS INSTALLATIONS

Ref: (a) OSD Memorandum "Location Recommendation for Live Animal Use Training" of 24 Oct 13
(b) DoDI 3216.01
(c) DoD Veterinary Services Advisory B-003
(d) NAVMED P-117
(e) BUMED 6280.1B
(f) 7 USC § 2131-2159
(g) MARADMIN 209/12
(h) MCCDC Policy Memorandum of 1 Jul 11

Encl: (1) Approval Checklist

1. Situation. The use of live animals for training and educational purposes has provided our Corpsmen, Marines, and other first responders with valuable lifesaving skills on the battlefield. Commonly referred to as Combat Trauma Training (CTT) that includes Live Tissue Training (LTT), the experience and confidence gained by the use of the live animal model in training lifesaving procedures to our first responders has been successful. These training programs have proven to be a visceral learning experience for our warriors that deal with the most intense and tragic battlefield trauma.

2. Mission. To establish policy and procedures for the use of animals for training and/or educational purposes on Marine Corps installations.

3. Execution

a. Commander's Intent and Concept of Operations

(1) Commander's Intent. Reference (a) recommends all Department of Defense (DoD) conducted and DoD supported use of animals be restricted to military installations or host nation government installations in order to mitigate adverse public perception involving the use of animals.

(2) Concept of Operations. According to the guidelines established in references (b), (c), (d), and (e), Marine Corps Installations Command (MCICOM) does not meet DoD and Department of the Navy (DON) guidance necessary to ensure the health and safety of personnel conducting training with live animals.

b. Subordinate Element Missions

(1) MCICOM does not have veterinary staff to ensure all animal protocols are followed according to applicable laws, statutes, and regulations.

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(2) LTT requires the use of controlled medications to ethically sedate animals. MCICOM does not possess the licensed personnel or facilities to prescribe, administer, store, audit, and monitor these medications in accordance with reference (d).

(3) The use of animals during LTT creates Regulated Medical Waste (RMW). For health and sanitation reasons, this waste is strictly controlled in accordance with reference (e). MCICOM does not possess the facilities, training, or standard operating procedures to properly dispose of RMW.

c. Policy. The use of animals for LTT on Marine Corps installations is prohibited. This policy also includes the use of live animals for subsistence training.

(1) This policy does not apply to:

(a) Activities conducted solely for the purpose of training animals or if the activity is conducted for the purpose of training personnel about animal care and handling as described in reference (b).

(b) Ceremonial, recreational, or working animals (e.g., military working dogs).

(c) The slaughter of game animals as a result of hunting, trapping, fishing, etc. as prescribed and authorized by federal and local regulations when the sole purpose of field slaughter is for human consumption of the animal for food and no training is involved. This is only applicable to personnel licensed/authorized by the commanding officers of Marine Corps installations to hunt/trap/game/fish live animals.

(2) Exemptions. Organizations requesting an exemption to this policy will submit a request to the respective Marine Corps installations regional commander for approval using the enclosed checklist (Enclosure 1).

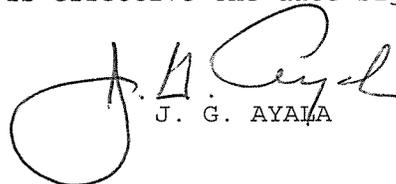
d. Alternate Training Sites. Reference (a) does not prohibit LTT or subsistence training from being conducted at a contractor-supported site off the Marine Corps installation that has been approved by the Commanding General, Training and Education Command and the Medical Officer of the Marine Corps nor does it preclude this type of training from being conducted at other service installations that meet all DoD and DON animal use guidelines.

4. Administration and Logistics. Recommendations concerning the content of this policy may be forwarded to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7.

5. Command and Signal

a. Command. This policy is applicable to all Marine Corps installations and tenant commands.

b. Signal. This policy is effective the date signed.


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Approval Checklist for Use of Animals for Live Tissue/Subsistence Training Aboard Marine Corps Installations

Item	Requirement	Veterinary Officer's Initials
1	The training to be conducted cannot be accomplished using didactic, hands-on, simulators, or other alternatives to animal use.	
2	This training is directed by the following: Formal Course POI 1. Formal Course POI: Y / N 2. Course Code or Title: 3. Service or Joint Training Directive: 4. Theater/Combatant Commander:	
3	The lead instructor is experienced and certified in Advanced Medical Training (AMT) and will not be instructing on procedures that he/she is not authorized to perform on human patients.	
4	All participants in the training are volunteers to include support staff.	
5	The contractor's veterinarian or the unit Veterinarian shall be present during all aspects of training involving animals from procurement to disposal of animal waste.	
6	Positive control measures shall be in place to prevent the use of photography, videography, or other means of recording the training.	
7	Appropriate security is in place along the line of sight perimeter to prevent observation of the training.	
8	The DoD Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) providing protocol oversight has been informed and has approved the training.	
9	A Public Affairs plan has been established and the MCI PAO has been made aware of the scheduled training.	
10	A Special Use Range Request has been submitted to and approved by the appropriate installation commander or his designated representative.	
11	All animals used for training have been legally procured through approved suppliers licensed by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA).	
12	The Unit Medical Office has validated that: 1. The Contracting Company veterinarian / unit veterinarian is present and that adequate veterinary care will be provided throughout the training. 2. Appropriate anesthesia and analgesia is provided to the animals to ensure the animals are pain-free. 3. Protocols approved by the IACUC are being followed. 4. Proper animal holding facilities are available 5. Animals receive proper food and water. 6. Measures to prevent non-anesthetized animals from seeing ongoing AMT are in place. 7. Proper animal handling procedures shall be observed.	
13	Disposal of Regulated Medical Waste (RMW) will be as follows:	
Signature of Attending Veterinarian: _____		Date: _____
Signature of Unit Medical Officer: _____		Date: _____
Signature of Commanding Officer: _____		Date: _____