** Pet Evacuation During NEO **

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- **People always have priority** - animals will never displace a person.
- Only command sponsored and joint domicile soldiers are authorized to evacuate pets during NEO.
- All SOFA personnel are required by USFK Reg 40-5 Pet Control and Veterinary Services for Domestic Pets and USFK Command Policy letter #49, 25 AUG 2008 to have their pet microchipped.
- Abandoning a domestic pet on any USFK installation or anywhere else in the Republic of Korea is prohibited and is subject to UCMJ (USFK Reg 40.5).
- Noncombatants are authorized to evacuate up to 2 pets.
- Pets are defined as domestic dogs and cats. All large animals or other pets such as fish, birds, ferrets, rodents, reptiles, amphibians, or spiders will not be evacuated (USFK Reg 40.5). If you have other animals (gerbils, hamsters, rats, rabbits, guinea pigs), they must be evacuated before NEO starts
- Pets owned by unaccompanied military service members remaining in Korea must have a Pet Care Plan in the event that their pet(s) must be evacuated. The Pet Care Plan is the willful agreement between two parties to transfer care and ownership of a pet, or the arrangement of a third party to ship a pet off the Korean peninsula to a designated guardian.
- The pet owner/guardian will be at least 12 years of age. The animal and carrier will count against the carry-on bag limit of the pet owner or guardian.
- Pets may be temporarily housed during personnel processing at Assembly Points or Evacuation Control Centers and evacuated when time, space, and resources permit. The Veterinary Service Teams in all areas will only be responsible for emergency veterinary medical service support and not general care and feeding of animals.
- Every attempt will be made to ensure pets will be evacuated with their owners. If a separate evacuation is required for pets then units in charge of NEO will ensure feeding/watering/walking after owners' departure.

ACTIONS TO TAKE PRIOR TO NEO (check list):

- ☐ Each pet must have its own rigid (no soft) airline carrier that is large enough for them to stand up, turn around and lay down only. Pets cannot be combined into one carrier.
- ☐ 2 Copies of valid rabies certificates DD2208 (May 2008) or NASPHV FORM 51 (revised 2007) will be maintained in your NEO book (kit). Therefore, it is imperative that you keep your pet(s) rabies vaccinations up-to-date.
- ☐ 2 Prefilled out Veterinary Health Certificates DD2209 without the veterinary signature or date in your NEO book (kit). Any pets leaving Korea will require a veterinarian to sign and date the health certificates before departure.
- ☐ Prepare at least 10 days of food supply and medications in waterproof containers or Ziploc bags (if required).
- ☐ Bowls for food and water that do not spill easily.
- ☐ Have a well-fitting collar/harness with ID tag and a good leash.
- ☐ Small plastic bags for feces disposal. Cat owners need a 10-day supply of litter and a small compact container with lid for litter storage that can fit in the cat kennel to prevent spillage when not in use by the pet in the carrier.
- ☐ All pets must be microchipped per USFK Regulation 40-5.

ACTIONS TO TAKE DURING NEO:

- **Keep control of your pet at all times!** Owners/Guardians will implement appropriate measures to prevent their pet from becoming a nuisance/aggressive to people or other animals by preventing their pet from running at large while being exercised. Dogs will not be walked by children that are not capable of preventing escape. Owners are required to provide all care to their pets during all phases of NEO (walking, feeding, clean up, etc).
- Do not feed your pet for 2-4 hours prior to travel but continue to give water.
- **Keep 1 copy of Rabies, Health Certificate, and Animal NEO Evacuation Card in waterproof bag attached to kennel and one copy with your other carry-on documents.**

Pets 25 pounds and under:

Pets weighing less than 25 pounds may be treated as carry-on luggage and will replace a carry-on bag of the owner. These pets may travel in their carrier on the owner's lap (USFK 600-300).

Pets over 25 pounds:

Pets will remain with owners as long as possible. A baggage truck will accompany the buses to move pets weighing more than 25 lbs. The pet will travel in the same convoy as their owners/guardians. Pets weighing more than 25 pounds will be treated as checked baggage of the owner/guardian unless if the baggage hold is environmentally unsafe. Pets will always be transported in vehicles or placed in areas protected from extreme temperatures and in climate weather.

Still have questions? Contact your local Veterinary Treatment Facility for more information!!