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**SUBJECT:** DoD Veterinary Public and Animal Health Services

**References:** See Enclosure 1

1. **PURPOSE.** This directive:

a. Reissues DoD Directive (DoDD) 6400.4 (Reference (a)) to establish policy and assign responsibilities for veterinary public and animal health services in accordance with the authority in DoDD 5136.01 (Reference (b)).

b. Designates the Secretary of the Army as the DoD Executive Agent (EA) for DoD Veterinary Public and Animal Health Services in accordance with DoDD 5101.1 (Reference (c)).

2. **APPLICABILITY.** This directive applies to OSD, the Military Departments, the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the DoD (referred to collectively in this directive as the "DoD Components").

3. **POLICY.** It is DoD policy to:

a. Provide, in support of military planning, operations, and force health protection, veterinary and public health services focused on:

(1) Food protection to ensure wholesome subsistence.

(2) Veterinary clinical medicine and diagnostic laboratory capabilities in support of DoD working animals; military communities and families; and DoD Components' research, development, test and evaluation (RDT&E) and training.

b. Provide Army veterinary service personnel (including veterinarians and veterinary food safety officers) with relevant training and specialization to plan and deliver food protection,

(8) Provide food inspection and food protection and, in collaboration with Army and Navy Surgeons' General preventive medicine or public health authorities, provide food service sanitation programs at all Defense Commissary Agency and Exchange Service retail convenience stores (e.g., shopettes and mini-marts) associated with the Departments of the Army and Navy.

(9) In coordination with the Military Services' public health and preventive medicine authorities, develop and maintain the tri-Service Food Code used by all DoD Components.

(10) Coordinate with the Secretaries of the Navy and Air Force at joint bases to delineate Service responsibilities for installation food service sanitation and food protection programs.

(11) Provide clinical and regulatory veterinary services, through appropriated and nonappropriated funds, for:

(a) Comprehensive care for DoD-owned animals supported by appropriated funds, in accordance with DoDD 5200.31E and DoDI 3216.01 (References (m) and (n), respectively).

(b) Comprehensive care for DoD-owned animals supported by nonappropriated funds on a reimbursable basis as resources permit.

(c) Comprehensive care for animals owned by individuals enrolled in the Defense Enrollment and Eligibility Reporting System and who are authorized medical care in DoD medical facilities in accordance with DoDI 1000.13 (Reference (o)), on a reimbursable basis, in accordance with DoDI 1015.15 (Reference (p)). This care will consist of measures to prevent, control, and treat animal diseases and conditions that present a public health, safety, or animal health threat to a DoD installation or the surrounding community, and to maintain veterinary clinical skills proficiency.

(d) Comprehensive care for non-DoD owned government animals in accordance with interagency agreements on a reimbursable basis.

(12) Operate facilities and establish equipment standards for and monitor standard of care at installation veterinary facilities.

(13) Operate the Veterinary Services Central Funds Supplemental Mission Nonappropriated Fund Instrumentality in accordance with Reference (p).

(14) Provide veterinary public health guidance, consultation, and clinical support regarding zoonotic diseases, including veterinarian participation in installation and command rabies advisory teams or boards, and in conducting the animal rabies control program.

(15) Advocate for and provide consultation for animal welfare on DoD installations.