

MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE



VETERINARY TREATMENT FACILITY

7804 Blackbird St., Bldg. 936
MacDill AFB, FL 33621

(813) 828-3558/3559

Monday - Friday
8 am to 4 pm



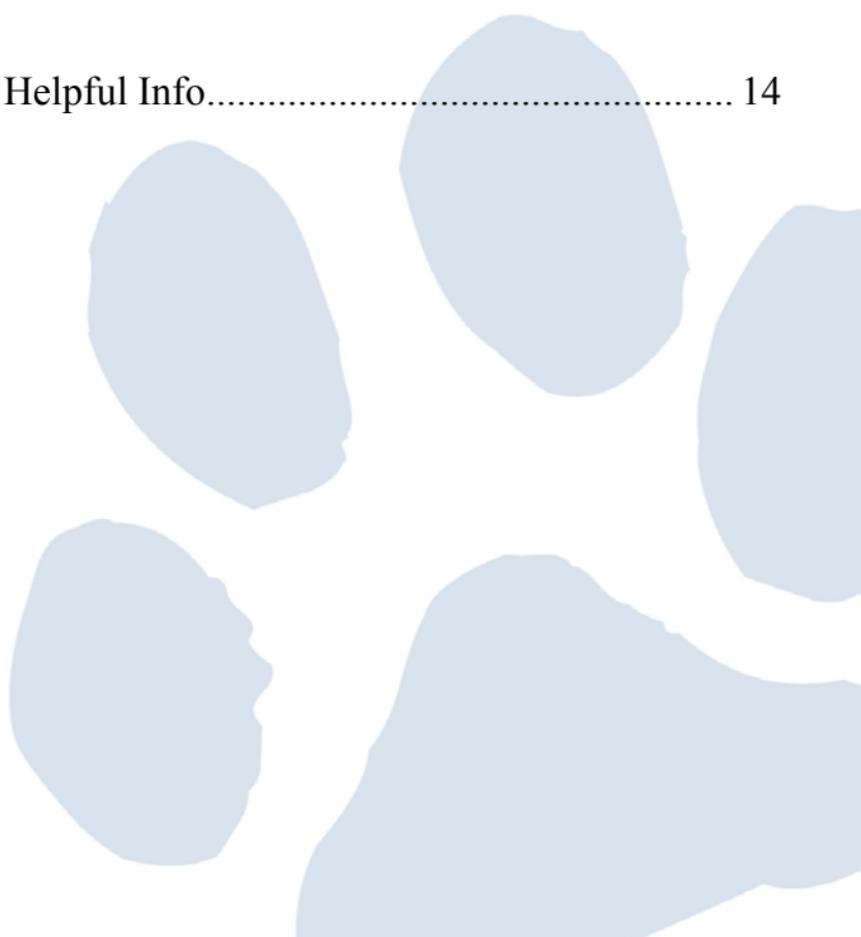
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with hospital privileges***

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General Information

US Army personnel at MacDill AFB operate the Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF). We provide full veterinary care for our assigned Military Working Dogs at MacDill AFB, the Naval Air Station in Key West and US Southern Command.

The MacDill VTF has several other major mission areas of responsibility. We inspect civilian food suppliers throughout Central/South Florida and the Caribbean who manufacture or process food products such as dairy products, and other novelty items for delivery to DoD facilities.

Pet care within the DoD is governed by applicable regulations and policies, which emphasize control of animal diseases transmittable to man (also known as zoonosis). Care includes examinations, immunizations, and treatment of pet illness to the extent our capabilities allow.

It is our desire to provide you with economical and professional care for your pets within the limits of DoD directives and our ability to provide services.

If your needs are beyond our capabilities, please see a civilian veterinarian. An adult owner must accompany all animals. The owner is responsible for the control of the animal in the clinic at all times.

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Base Registration

The base pet control regulation requires dogs and cats over four months of age be registered at this office within 10 days of occupying base housing. Registration involves your pet receiving a rabies immunization (or verification of a current rabies immunization) and microchip.

Office Hours

Open 8 am to 4 pm, weekdays (except holidays).
Closed the last working day of every month for
inventory and as posted for training.

Clinic Hours

Please call for available clinic hours. Hours may vary
on availability of veterinarian and patient load.

Appointments

To schedule an appointment, please call
(813) 828-3558/3559

Address

MacDill Veterinary Treatment Facility
7804 Blackbird St., Bldg. 936
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Appointment Policy

The appointment system we use is designed to
facilitate examination, immunization and treatment of
as many pets as possible during the limited time
available. It permits us to prepare the necessary
records and vaccination certificates in advance.

Because the schedule of the veterinarian and clinic
personnel may be altered to facilitate other mission
requirements, appointments are only made one week
in advance. Animals are seen by appointment only.

Personnel who abuse the appointment system
may lose clinic use privileges.

Vaccination appointments are generally made with the
veterinary technician. For sick call or, if desired, you
may request an appointment with the veterinarian.

For appointments call 828-3558/3559.

Only healthy animals may be immunized.

Note: There is a \$25.00 fee to see the veterinarian and
a \$10.00 fee to see the veterinary technician.



Outline of Health Needs



Dogs

8 weeks: DA2PP, Bordetella vaccinations, and fecal exam for worms

12 weeks: DA2PP, Bordetella vaccinations, begin heartworm prevention, and fecal exam

16 weeks: DA2PP, Rabies vaccination, and fecal exam

Annually: Re-vaccination with Lepto, DA2PP, Rabies, Bordetella, heartworm and fecal exam



Cats

8 weeks: FVRCP vaccination and a fecal exam

12 weeks: FVRCP vaccination, FeL V, and a Feline Leukemia/FIV/Heartworm test, and fecal exam

16 weeks: FVRCP and Rabies vaccination, FeL V, and fecal exam

Annually: FVRCP, Rabies, FeL V vaccinations, and fecal exam

Services Available

A small charge is assessed for all medications, vaccinations and supplies dispensed for pets.

Money received is used to replenish these supplies. The 6th Force Support Squadron, in support of their many recreational activities, uses any profits generated. These fees should not be compared with those of local civilian veterinarians. Their fees must be considerably higher because they include cost of equipment, building rent or depreciation, taxes, labor, salary, educational cost, a fair return on their monetary investment as well as many other miscellaneous expenses.

DoD Surcharge

Congressional regulations require a \$2 surcharge on any monetary transaction conducted. (Title 31, section 3302 of the 86 DoD Authorization Act.)

List of Services

Vaccinations (Call for exam & package pricing):

Rabies, 1 & 3 yr

DA2pp, 1 yr

DAP, 3 yr

Bordetella

Lepto

FVRCP, 1 & 3 yr

Felv

K9 Influenza

Tests:

Heartworm/Lyme/

E.Canis/Anaplasmosis

Felv/FIV/HWT

Fecal

Services:

Microchip

Basic Eye Exam

Ear Exam

Skin Exam

Check-up

Health Certificate (*free of charge when on active duty orders*)



Vaccinations



Rabies, a fatal infection of the nervous system, attacks all warm-blooded animals including humans. Rabies is a public health hazard and a personal risk to all pet owners. Rabies can be transmitted through the bite of an infected animal. There is no cure for rabies; vaccination is your pet's only protection.

Distemper is considered to be one of the most serious canine diseases. It is widespread and since the virus can be carried by air currents, nearly every dog will be exposed during its lifetime. Signs include coughing, vomiting, and diarrhea. The brain may be affected, resulting in convulsions and death. Dogs that recover may suffer permanent brain damage. Annual vaccination is your dog's only protection.

Hepatitis is a viral disease that affects the liver. It is extremely contagious and often fatal. Signs of the disease include fever, depression, loss of appetite, vomiting, diarrhea, and acute stomach pains. Dogs that recover may develop kidney failure later in life and can be carriers, spreading the infection to other dogs.

Leptospirosis is a bacterial infection that affects a dog's kidneys. Signs include vomiting, impaired vision, and convulsions. Transmitted by contact with urine or an infected animal, disability or death in severe cases is possible. Leptospirosis is also a public health hazard and a risk to pet owners.

Parvo is an intestinal infection resulting in viral diarrhea, fever, vomiting and depression. Transmitted through direct contact (or through shoes/clothing) with an infected dog's feces and urine; both are highly contagious and life threatening.

Vaccinations, cont.

Canine Cough/Bordetella is an upper respiratory infection, causing a persistent dry, hacking cough. It may last several weeks and is highly contagious.

Canine Influenza is a newly discovered, highly contagious upper respiratory disease.

Feline Leukemia is incurable, contagious from cat to cat, and usually fatal. The FeLV virus severely depresses the immune system so the cat's body can't fight off other diseases. Symptoms include diarrhea, fever, vomiting, loss of appetite, and weight loss. Vaccination is your cat's best protection against this killer disease.

Feline Respiratory Diseases (Rhino-trachetis, Calci, and Chlamydia) are highly contagious and widespread. Symptoms include sneezing, coughing, runny eyes, nasal discharge, loss of appetite, and tongue ulcers. Recovered cats continue to carry and spread the infection for long periods. Treatment is usually costly and time consuming. Vaccination is your cat's best protection.

Feline Panleukopenia, also known as distemper, is highly contagious, easily transmitted from cat to cat, and deadly. Symptoms include depression, severe stomach pain, vomiting, diarrhea, and dehydration.

Vaccination is the most effective form of protection. Vaccinations enable your dog or cat to fight infection by stimulating the immune system that makes antibodies against the viruses.





Prescription Drugs

Veterinary prescription drugs are dispensed only by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian in the presence of a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship (VCPR). A valid VCPR exists if a pet has been seen at a military treatment facility (VTF) within the past 12 months. Non-professional staff may dispense veterinary prescription drugs **ONLY AFTER** receiving specific instructions from a veterinarian. Patient records must be maintained at this facility to show the prescription drugs that may be supplied to clients with whom a valid VCPR exists.

Heartworm prevention is a prescription drug. Dogs and cats must have been seen within the last year to purchase these. In addition, proof of a registered heartworm test is required before heartworm medication is prescribed for dogs.

NOTE: The attending veterinarian must evaluate all pets prior to dispensing any prescription medication.

Pregnant Animals

We don't recommend immunization of pregnant animals, especially with a modified live virus.

Intestinal Parasites

All pets, especially puppies and kittens, should be checked for parasites each visit. Parasite infection in young animals can be very debilitating, and some of these parasites can be transmitted to man.

Fecal examinations should be conducted on your pet for detection of internal parasites. Stool samples must be fresh and submitted in a suitable container obtained any time from the VTF during office hours. If the sample is positive for parasites, we will contact the pet owner.

Heartworm infection is a problem in many areas in the United States and is very prevalent in Florida.

The development period of this parasite requires at least six months before diagnosis is possible.

As a result, dogs should be checked for heartworm prior to starting them on heartworm prevention. An adult pet will require another test in 6 months if it has never been on heartworm prevention.

Blood tests for this parasite are done by appointment during clinic hours. If the sample is positive for parasites, we will contact the pet owner. To prevent development of heartworm in young puppies, it is recommended that they start on heartworm prevention at 12 weeks of age. If a dog is over 6 months of age, it will require a heartworm test prior to dispensing heartworm prevention.





Control of Pets

MacDill ESMC regulation 125-13, Registration and Control of Pets, is designed for the protection of military personnel, family members, and civilian personnel assigned to MacDill AFB. This regulation states pets must be secured by, or otherwise under the control of a responsible person while on MacDill AFB. Pets found straying will be apprehended and confined at the expense of the owner. Stray animals are apprehended by Hillsborough County Animal Control.

Vicious animals, as evidenced by repeated bite incidents, will not be tolerated. Rabies could be present in the local wildlife and is presumably present in stray dogs and cats in the area. Hence, control of pets is necessary to prevent human contact with rabies. Pet owners are responsible for all activities of their pets on MacDill AFB. It is the owner's responsibility to insure their pet does not become a health hazard or a nuisance to the neighborhood by straying or becoming vicious.

In addition, pets should be properly cared for, housed, and treated in a humane manner.

Should your animal be involved in a bite incident, either base or local public health authorities will impose a 10-day quarantine for dogs and cats. This is necessary to insure the bite victim was not exposed to rabies. Your cooperation in these cases is extremely important.

Owners are responsible for lifting and restraining their pets during exams.

Health Certificates

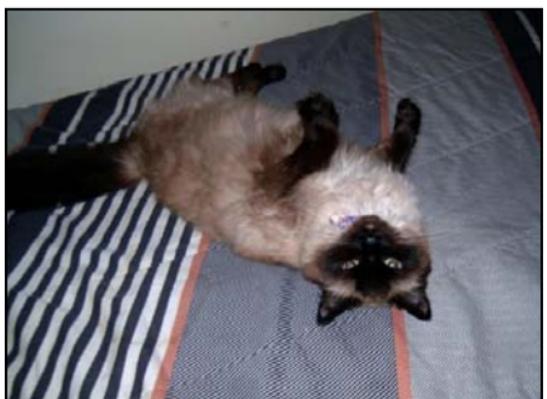
Health Certificates are issued by appointment during normal clinic hours.

ATTENTION: Personnel anticipating a PCS overseas should contact the VTF as soon as possible for important requirements regarding their pets. Plan ahead and don't wait until the last minute; it will save you time and money. It is the owner's responsibility to obtain all the necessary information for shipping pets overseas. This information may be obtained from the host country Consulate General or the USDA.

Microchips

Implantation of microchips is an important thing to consider for your pet. The microchip contains information connecting it with a national service. With this method of identification, if a pet is lost, the microchip can be scanned and the number used to retrieve owner information. MacDill Veterinary Services uses RESQ microchips.

NOTE: ALL cats & dogs residing on MacDill AFB MUST be microchipped if here longer than 30 days.





Other Helpful Information

Hillsborough County Animal Services

440 N. Falkenburg Road

Tampa, Florida 33619

(813) 744-5660

www.hillsboroughcounty.org/animalservices

Humane Society of Tampa Bay

Spay/Neuter Clinic

3607 North Armenia Avenue

Tampa, FL 33607

(813) 870-3304

www.humanesocietytampa.org







Services, dates and times are subject to change without notice

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