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MEMORANDUM FOR HQ USCENTCOM/SG (CCSG), COL MAUL, 7115 SOUTH
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Subject: Harmful Flea/Tick Collars sent to U.S. Troops.

Numerous national news media reports indicate that well-meaning citizens are sending flea & tick collars to our troops to be worn in the Iraqi Theater of Operations. Wearing of these flea & tick collars is a dangerous practice which is harmful to the health of the wearer and a violation of established federal laws.

The Armed Forces Pest Management Board (AFPMB) Technical Guide (TG) 36, *Personal Protective Measures Against Insects*, describes the DOD Insect Repellent System and other techniques that provide maximum, safe protection from insect and tick attack. The Technical Guide with photographs of the harmful effects of flea & tick collars on human skin is available for viewing/download at the following web site:

http://www.afpmb.org/coweb/guidance_targets/ppms/TG36/TG36.htm

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