



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
US ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Garrison Commander's Policy Memorandum No. 75— Pet Policy for Privatized Housing

1. REFERENCES:

a. Department of the Army Instructions on Pet Policy to the Installation Management Command, 5 January 2009.

b. Balfour Beatty Communities Guide, July 2010.

2. PURPOSE. To implement and enforce existing rules and requirements for Residents, owning pets, residing in Family Housing on Fort Gordon, Georgia.

3. APPLICABILITY. This policy applies to all personnel residing on Fort Gordon, Georgia.

4. POLICY.

a. Residents of on-post Family housing must adhere to the following requirements:

(1) Comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws as well as all installation specific requirements pertaining to the ownership, registration, control, and vaccination of pets.

(2) May not participate in the breeding of pets and "kennel" type operations.

(3) May not have any dog of a breed (including mixed breed) that is deemed aggressive, or potentially aggressive, unless the dog is a certified military working dog that is being boarded by its handler/trainer. For purposes of this policy, aggressive or potentially aggressive breeds of dogs are defined as Pit Bulls (American Staffordshire Bull Terriers, or English Staffordshire Bull Terriers), Doberman Pinschers, Chows, Rottweilers, and Wolf Hybrids. Prohibition also extends to other dogs that demonstrate a propensity for dominant or aggressive behavior, as indicated by any of the following types of conduct:

(a) Unprovoked barking, growling and/or snarling at people.

(b) Aggressively running along fence lines when people are present.

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(c) Biting and/or scratching people.

(d) Escaping confinement or restriction to chase people.

Residents with a restricted breed will be required to remove the animal(s) from the installation within 24 hours of notification or risk the sponsor losing his/her pet privileges, as well as possible lease termination.

(4) May not own more than two dogs or cats, or one of each animal.

(5) May not board exotic animals such as, but not limited to, reptiles, rodents (other than hamsters and guinea pigs), ferrets, hedgehogs, skunks, rats, raccoons, squirrels, pot bellied pigs, monkeys, arachnids, or any farm animal.

(6) May not allow pets to roam housing areas uncontrolled. Pets outside the quarters, not inside a fenced yard, will be kept on a leash and accompanied by a responsible individual, capable of controlling the animal.

b. Owners are responsible for the actions and care of their pets at all times and will ensure:

(1) Pets are not being a nuisance or menace to other people, animals, or property.

(2) Pets do not inflict injury on people, other animals, or themselves.

(3) To physically restrain/control their animal at all times and companion animals must be maintained on a leash while being walked. Voice command is not an acceptable form of animal control for companion animals. Do not allow children to walk an animal if they are not physically able to restrain it. Residents with pets are responsible to maintain healthy living conditions within their quarters and neighborhoods. Pet waste in public areas, to include walkways, sidewalks, play areas, and all residential yards, will be immediately picked up and properly disposed of.

(4) To provide proper shelter, food, and water for all animals left outside, within the resident's fenced yard. Pets may not be tied to trees, posts, or similar objects. Pets may not be left outside for excessively extended periods when the temperature is above 90 degrees Fahrenheit or below 35 degrees Fahrenheit.

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(a) Under no circumstances will any pet be abandoned on the installation.

(b) The Fort Gordon MP Station should be contacted at 706-791-4380. Both types of pets will be taken to Richmond County Animal Control Services (RCACS) where owners of micro chipped animals will be contacted and required to pay all fees mandated by RCACS. It is RCACS's policy that any animal not retrieved after five days will be euthanized. Sponsors, whose pet(s) is/are picked up more than three times, will lose their pet privileges.

(c) Balfour Beatty Communities maintains authority to:

(d) Determine additional requirements for tenant liability insurance.

(e) Terminate tenant lease for failure to remove aggressive, unruly pets.

5. Failure to comply with this policy may result in the sponsor's loss of pet privileges and/or lease termination.

6. Violations of this policy may be reported to Balfour Beatty Communities at (877) 516-0077 or (706) 772-7041 during duty hours and after duty hours to the Military Police Desk Sergeant at (706) 791-4380.

7. The Garrison Commander is the approval authority for any and all exceptions to this policy.

8. The proponent for this command policy is the Residential Communities Initiative Office, Directorate of Public Works, 706-791-4302.


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