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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL PRIVATIZED HOUSING RESIDENTS

SUBJECT: Garrison Commander's Policy Memorandum No. 75- Pet Policy for Privatized Housing (On-post Family Housing)

1. References:

a. Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army Energy and Partnerships memo, Subject: Pet Policy for Privatized Housing Under the Army's Residential Communities Initiative (RCI) Privatization Program, 05 Jan 2009.

b. Balfour Beatty Communities Resident Guide, July 2010.

2. Background: This policy is in response to the Army's request for standardization regarding pets in privatized housing. It takes into consideration the safety, welfare and quiet enjoyment of all residents in privatized housing.

3. Applicability: This policy applies to all tenants of Residential Communities Initiative (RCI) privatized housing on Fort Gordon, Georgia.

4. Policy:

a. Tenants of RCI privatized housing on Army installations must adhere to the following requirements:

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

(2) May not board in privatized housing 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), Rottweilers, Doberman Pinschers, Chows, 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.

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

(c) Biting and/or scratching people.

(d) Escaping confinement or restriction to chase people.

(3) Upon notification of 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.

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 and they do not inflict injury on people, other animals, or themselves.

(2) They can physically restrain/control the animal at all times. Companion animals are on a leash when walking them. NOTE: Voice command is not an acceptable form of animal control for companion animals. Additionally, children should not be allowed to walk animals if they cannot restrain them and insure pets do not inflict injury on people, other animals, or themselves.

(3) That no animal(s) is allowed to roam freely.

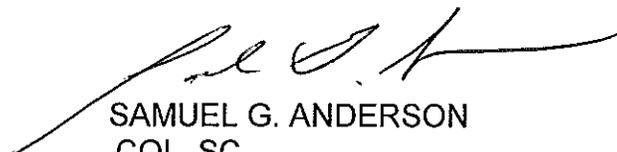
(4) At no time will animals be left unsupervised outside to include within fenced in backyard areas. Animals will not be chained outside without a fence unless continuously supervised. This requirement prohibits the practice of chaining animals to outside structures (housing unit, trees, etc.) and (or) leaving the animal unattended. Electrical and invisible fences are prohibited.

(5) 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.

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5. Stray animals in housing areas should be reported to the Military Police at (706) 791-4380.
6. Balfour Beatty Community maintains the authority to:
  - a. Determine additional requirements for tenant liability insurance.
  - b. Terminate tenant lease for failure to remove aggressive, unruly pets.
  - c. Assess pet deposits/additional charges for damages that exceed deposit amount.
  - d. Grant exceptions to this Pet Policy, after validation from the Garrison and Headquarters, Department of the Army (HQDA), when the exception does not conflict with existing Army policy for installations.
7. Failure to adhere to this pet policy can result in loss of pet privileges and/or lease termination from privatized housing on the Fort Gordon Installation.
8. The proponent for this policy is the Residential Communities Initiative (RCI), (706) 791-9656.



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This pet policy supersedes the Garrison Commander's Policy Memorandum No.75, Subject: Pet Policy for Privatized Housing, dated 8 January 2013.