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MEMORANDUM FOR All Personnel Owning Pets within the USAG Bavaria Footprint

SUBJECT: USAG Bavaria Policy Memorandum #9, Pet Ownership Responsibilities in Government Quarters.

1. References:

- a. AR 40-905 (Veterinary Health Services).
- b. AE Reg 27-9 (Misconduct by Civilians).
- c. AE Sup 1 AR 420-1 (Army Facilities Management).

2. Residents of Army Family Housing are responsible for maintaining and controlling their pets. The privilege to have an animal is granted to residents based on their ability to meet responsibilities. Further, pet owners residing in Army Family Housing, are subject to host nation laws governing the treatment of pets. Host nation laws and Army in Europe policy prohibit inhumane and abusive treatment of animals. Per policy, inhumane and abusive treatment is defined as any act or omission whereby an animal's physical or psychological well-being is compromised unnecessarily. This also includes leaving the pets unsupervised beyond the duration of one day.

3. Specific guidelines explaining responsibilities for pet owners in USAG Bavaria Footprint are provided in the enclosure.

4. POC for this policy is the USAG Bavaria Housing Division Chief or the designated representative, DSN 526-4300, CIV 09641-70-5264300.

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## Policy for pet owners in USAG Bavaria

1. When outside of government quarters, all pets must be accompanied by the owner or a responsible representative and must be on a leash at all times. Children under the age of 12 are considered incapable of controlling the pet. Dogs with tendency to attack must be muzzled and kept on a short leash when outside. Dog biting incidents must be reported to the Military Police and followed up through the owner's chain of command.
2. Dogs will be exercised in accordance with their breed and physical requirements.
3. Dogs and cats must not be allowed to relieve themselves on balconies, playgrounds, or within 50 feet of family housing buildings. Pet owners will clean up excrement from their pets. Pet owners are responsible for carrying the means and supplies needed for immediate pet toileting clean up and disposal.
4. Pets must not be housed or locked in or on balconies, in basement or attic storage rooms, spare rooms, or building playrooms. Pets will not be tied to stair railings, pipes, shrubbery, trees or around family quarters.
5. No more than two dogs or cats, or combination thereof, are authorized per dwelling unit. Other domestic pets (including goldfish, hamsters, and birds) may be kept in Army Family Housing. Barnyard animals or exotic pets (e.g., snakes, lizards, tarantulas) are prohibited. Permission to house more than two pets or other than those specified will be requested in writing by means of an Exception to Policy through the Housing Office.
6. Owners must register their pets with the installation veterinary treatment facility (VTF) within two weeks after acquiring the pet or the arrival at to the permanent duty station. The owner must present evidence of the pet's current vaccinations (to include rabies) at the time of registration, maintain a record, and update required vaccinations as necessary. A vaccinated animal will receive rabies tags that must be worn by the animal at all times. Further, pets must have an annual fecal analysis performed (only if living in government housing).
7. In accordance with AR 40-905, the animal's owner is required to present their pet to the on-post VTF for a pre- and post-rabies quarantine exam if their pet bites or scratches any individual. This is a no-cost visit to the owner, provided that rabies vaccination is up-to-date at the time of the bite quarantine. Owners will comply with the veterinarian's directives for a ten-day at-home quarantine following any bite or scratch incident.
8. In accordance with host nation laws, the following class I canines are prohibited from entering Germany, and are prohibited from residing in government-controlled housing. Any mixed breeds containing bloodlines of class I canines are also classified as class I canines.
  - a. Pit Bull Terrier.
  - b. American Staffordshire Terrier.

c. Staffordshire Bull Terrier.

d. Tosa Inu.

e. Bandog.

9. There are specific restrictions regarding class II breed canines. For a list of these breeds and additional information regarding class I and II dogs, personnel should contact the installation's Veterinary Treatment Facility. The Chain of Command will ensure assigned personnel adhere to host nation regulations concerning classified canines.

10. The owner is liable for animal abandonment or animal disposal by inhumane means. Animal maltreatment may result in disciplinary action. Pet owners may be liable under host nation civil laws for any damage to property or injury to individuals caused by an animal, whether the animal is in the owner's possession, lost, or abandoned. Liability insurance is recommended for all pets. In cases where owners of pets are negligent in the care or supervision of their pets, immediate action will be taken to have the Service Member and/or pet removed from government housing.

11. Pet owners are responsible for informing the Housing Office who will care for their pets when leaving the residence for a period of time in excess of two weeks.

12. Breeding or maintaining animals for commercial purposes (i.e., raising and selling animals for money) on government property is prohibited.

13. Stray animals found on post will be taken to the Military Police. Military Police will transport the animal to the local German Tierheim (shelter). The veterinary clinic will scan the animal for a microchip or provide emergency medical care for stabilization if necessary. The veterinary clinic cannot house stray animals.

14. Residents witnessing pet policy violations in their area by unknown individuals or individuals not residing in their building should report the violation to the Housing Office. Pet policy violations will be handled in the following manner:

a. First Infraction: Written warning from Building/Area Coordinator.

b. Second Infraction: Action from the Housing Manager.

c. Third Infraction: Referral to Garrison Commander for possible loss of pets and/or quarters privileges.

15. In accordance with AE regulation 27-9, the Garrison Commander will consider the following guidelines for violations of the pet excrement policy for personnel who fail to clean up after their pets. The Garrison Commander has the discretion to prescribe an

alternate "restitution and rehabilitation" if necessary to address the particular facts and circumstances of the infraction:

- a. First Infraction: Letter of warning to pet owner.
- b. Second Infraction: Minimum of Eight (8) hours community service.
- c. Third Infraction: Minimum of Forty (40) hours community service.
- d. Fourth Infraction: Pet will be barred from U.S facilities.

16. Pet owners will comply with all policy to maintain and control their pets in and outside of Government Quarters. Service Members who violate portions of this policy that impose a specific obligation on individual community members with respect to their pets, may be subject to adverse administrative action or punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Civilian pet owners who violate this policy may be subject to adverse action in accordance with AE Regulation 27-9, Misconduct by Civilians.