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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. Army Regulation 40-905, Veterinary Health Services
- b. Army in Europe Regulation 27-9, Misconduct by Civilians

2. Pet owners in USAG Bavaria are responsible for the well-being of their animals, and as Garrison Commander, I am dedicated to maintaining a safe and healthy environment for all community members, whether they own pets or not. To ensure the safety and security of our community, all residents must adhere to this Policy Memorandum. Compliance is mandatory for all pet owners, both within and outside of Government quarters. Service Members who violate this policy may face administrative action or punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, while civilian violators may be subject to adverse action in accordance with AER 27-9, Misconduct by Civilians. Specific policies relating to this Memorandum are outlined in the Enclosure to this Memorandum.

3. Point of contact 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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1. This Enclosure details the requirements for all pet owners and caretakers within USAG Bavaria. Service Members who violate this policy may face administrative action or punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, while civilian violators may be subject to adverse action per AER 27-9, Misconduct by Civilians.
2. Pets must be on a leash when outside of government quarters, except in designated, garrison-sponsored off-leash areas. A responsible owner or representative capable of controlling the pet must accompany it at all times when outside. Children under 12 without adult supervision are not considered capable of controlling a pet. Any dog with a tendency to attack people or other animals must be muzzled and kept on a short leash when outside. You must report all dog biting incidents to the Military Police immediately and follow up through the owner's chain of command.
3. You must exercise your pets (e.g., walk or run them on a leash) outside the immediate housing area. Maintain a minimum distance of 15 feet from all buildings, playground boundaries, community picnic areas, and resident parking.
4. Do not allow dogs and cats to relieve themselves on balconies, playgrounds, or within 25 feet of family housing buildings. Pet owners must clean up their pet's excrement. Building coordinators will designate pet-walking areas, and owners are responsible for carrying the necessary supplies for immediate cleanup and disposal.
5. You may not house or lock pets on balconies, in basement or attic storage rooms, spare rooms, or building playrooms. Do not tie pets to stair railings, pipes, shrubbery, trees, or anywhere around family quarters.
6. You must feed pets only in appropriate areas inside the pet owner's residence, not in common areas, landings, or stairwells.
7. A maximum of two dogs or cats, or a combination of both, are authorized per dwelling unit. Other domestic pets like goldfish, hamsters, and birds are permitted in Army Family Housing. You are prohibited from keeping barnyard or exotic pets (such as snakes, lizards, tarantulas, etc...) without prior written approval from the Installation Veterinarian and the Chief of Housing. To request permission for more than two pets or for a species not specified, you must submit a written request through the Housing Office.
8. You must register your pets with the Installation Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF) within 14 days of acquiring them or their arrival in Germany. At registration, you must provide proof of current vaccinations (including rabies), maintain this record, and update vaccinations as required. A vaccinated animal will receive a rabies tag that the pet must wear at all times.

9. If an animal bites or scratches any person, the owner must present the pet to the on-post VTF for a pre- and post-rabies quarantine examination, in accordance with AR 40-905. This visit is at no cost to the owner if the pet's rabies vaccination is current. Owners must comply with the veterinarian's directives for a ten-day, at-home quarantine after any bite or scratch incident.

10. The state of Bavaria enacted a law in 2002 classifying dog breeds into two categories and restricting specific breeds deemed dangerous. Class 1 dogs – both pure and cross breeds – are not allowed in Bavaria. These dogs have been shown to react aggressively with little provocation and have been traditionally used as fighting dogs, based on studies evaluated by the Bavarian government. Owners must provide proof of pedigree.

The following breeds, and mixes with these breeds, are not authorized in Bavaria:

- a. American Staffordshire Terrier
- b. Pitt Bull
- c. Staffordshire Bull Terrier
- d. Any dog mixed with any breed listed above
- e. Bull Terrier

11. In Bavaria, Class 2 breeds, as well as their crossbreeds, are also presumed to be dangerous and aggressive. Owners must provide proof the animal does not possess tendency for heightened aggression. Typically, these dogs are required to pass a temperament test with a licensed provider and then registered with the host nation safety and public order office. Tests can cost up to several hundred Euro, and dogs must be at least nine months old to be eligible, according to USAG Ansbach. Dogs that fail the mandatory test are treated with the same legal provisions as Class 1 breeds and are illegal in Bavaria.

- a. Alano
- b. American Bulldog
- c. Bullmastiff
- d. Bull Terrier
- e. Cane Corso (Italian Mastiff/Italian Corso Dog)

- f. Dogo Argentino
- g. Dogue de Bordeaux
- h. Fila Brasileiro
- i. Mastiff
- j. Mastino Napoletano
- k. Mastin Espanol
- l. Dogo Canario (Perro de Presa Canario)
- m. Rottweiler
- n. Perro de Presa Mallorquin (Ca de Bou)

NOTE: Owners of temperament-approved Class 2 dogs are required by German mandate to keep the pet muzzled and on a leash in public areas. Additionally, the dog walker must be at least 18-years-old and physically capable of controlling the dog.

12. Owners are liable for abandoning an animal or disposing of it by inhumane means. Animal maltreatment may result in disciplinary action. Under host nation civil laws, pet owners may be liable for any damage to property or injury to persons caused by their animal, whether the animal is in their possession, lost, or abandoned. We recommend liability insurance for all pets. If owners are negligent in the care or supervision of their pets, we will take immediate action to remove the Soldier and/or the pets from government housing.

13. Breeding or maintaining animals for commercial purposes, such as raising and selling them for profit, is prohibited on government property.

14. You must take stray animals found on post to the Military Police, who will then transport the animal to the local German Tierheim (shelter). The VTF will scan the animal for a microchip or provide emergency medical care for stabilization if necessary, but cannot house stray animals.

15. Residents who witness pet policy violations by unknown persons or by residents from other buildings should report the violation to the Housing Office. For pet policy violations within your building, please follow this process:

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a. First Infraction: The Building/Area Coordinator will issue a written warning.

b. Second Infraction: The Housing Manager will take action.

c. Third Infraction: The matter will be referred to the Garrison Commander, which could result in the loss of pets and/or housing privileges.

16. We encourage all community members to help keep their buildings, sidewalks, yards, and playgrounds clean of pet excrement, which can create various hazards. If you witness a violation of the pet excrement policy (see paragraph 4), you should attempt to correct the violator when possible and report anyone who fails to comply to the Housing Office.

17. In accordance with AE Regulation 27-9, the Garrison Commander will use the below guidelines for pet excrement policy violations. The Garrison Commander retains the discretion to prescribe an alternate "restitution and rehabilitation" plan to address the specific facts and circumstances of the infraction:

a. First Infraction: The pet owner will receive a letter of warning.

b. Second Infraction: The pet owner will perform a minimum of eight (8) hours of community service.

c. Third Infraction: The pet owner will perform a minimum of forty (40) hours of community service.

d. Fourth Infraction: The pet will be barred from U.S. facilities.

18. Pet owners must comply with all policies for maintaining and controlling their pets, both inside and outside of Government quarters. Service Members who violate policy sections imposing specific obligations may face adverse administrative action or punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Civilian pet owners who violate this policy may face adverse action in accordance with AE Regulation 27-9, Misconduct by Civilians.

19. Point of contact for this policy is the USAG Bavaria Housing Division Chief or the designated representative, DSN 526-4300, CIV 09641-70-5264300.