



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON, FORT CAVAZOS  
1001 761ST TANK BATTALION AVENUE  
FORT CAVAZOS, TEXAS 76544-5002

AMIM-CAG-ZA (40)

28 MAR 2024

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: U.S. Army Garrison Fort Cavazos Domestic Animal Policy

1. REFERENCES.

- a. Army Policy, Domestic Animals on Army Installations, August 2018
- b. Army Regulation 40-905, Veterinary Health Service, 29 August 2006
- c. Department of Defense Directive 1300-27, Guidance on the Use of Service Dogs by Service Members, 7 January 2016
- d. Army Directive 2013-01, Guidance on the Acquisition and Use of Service Dogs by Service Members), 28 January 2013
- e. Fair Housing Act of 1968 (FHA) (42 U.S.C.A. 3601-3631)
- f. Americans with Disabilities Act 1990 (U.S.C. 12131-12134)
- g. Army Universal Lease and Cavalry Family Housing Pet addendum, 1 May 2021

2. PURPOSE. To provide policy for domestic animals on Fort Cavazos.

3. APPLICABILITY. This policy applies to Fort Cavazos and all types of Army housing and lodging, including Army owned, privatized, and leased. This policy applies to privately owned animals, specifically those pets owned by Service Members, Government employees, Contractors, including all Family members and all visitors. This policy is not intended to address control of Department of Defense-owned animals (military working dogs, government-owned animals, or non-appropriated fund-owned animals).

4. RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. The Directorate of Emergency Services will:

- (1) Receive calls at 254-287-4001.

- (2) Issue citations in response to violations of this policy.
  - (3) Investigate public nuisance animals, vicious animals, and cases of animal cruelty.
- b. The Directorate of Public Works will:
- (1) Oversee the stray animal operations executed by Killeen Animal Services under an Intergovernmental Support Agreement.
  - (2) Dispatch calls received at 254-287-2113 to the Killeen Animal Services.
- c. The Fort Cavazos Veterinary Center (VETCEN) will:
- (1) Provide domestic animal registration services during normal business hours.
  - (2) The VETCEN will provide an investigation exam if cruelty, neglect, or abuse of the privately owned animals occurs on post. The Military Police are responsible for contacting the Veterinary Services on-call number at 254-245-7341. It is the responsibility of the Military Police, the Service Member, and the Service Member's chain of command to transport the animal to the exam. It is requested that a representative of the Service Member's chain of command be present for the exam.
  - (3) Provide microchipping and vaccination services for domestic animals at the owner's expense.
- d. Killeen Animal Services will:
- (1) Respond to stray animal calls dispatched by DPW Work Reception 254-287-2113. An Animal Control Officer will respond and pick up the stray animal in question and deliver it to the Stray Animal Impound Facility (Bldg. 4902) / Killeen Animal Services.
  - (2) If the animal is not reclaimed within 3 days of impoundment, and after either contact with the owner or decision from Garrison, the animal may be adopted or humanely euthanized.
  - (3) Any animal that comes into possession of the Killeen Animal Services that is seriously injured, sick, or exhibiting symptoms of contagious disease will be humanely euthanized by Killeen Animal Services personnel without waiting for the 3 day expiration period provided; however, Killeen Animal Services personnel shall contact the animal's owner, if known, to inform the owner of the disposition of such animal. If the animal is not contagious and Killeen Animal Services chooses not to initially euthanize the animal



and the owner indicate that the animal will be reclaimed but fails to reclaim the animal within 2 days of such notification, then the sick, or injured animal will be euthanized.

(4) The Killeen Animal Services may accept surrender of pets by their owners, subject to availability of space. Only owners residing in Fort Cavazos housing are eligible to surrender their pet.

e. Residents and visitors of Fort Cavazos will:

(1) Comply with this policy as it may apply to their animal or any animals temporarily in their care.

(2) Comply with any additional animal / pet policies of agencies conducting business on Fort Cavazos to include but not limited to Cavalry Family Housing and IHG.

## 5. POLICY.

a. General:

(1) The Senior Commander has authority over installation access for all animals, other than service dogs (as defined in references 1.c. and 1.d).

(2) Animals are not permitted in public buildings except for the Veterinary Center (VETCEN) locations at Fort Cavazos. Government owned animals (unit mascots and military working dogs) will be allowed in public buildings, under the supervision of a handler and appropriate command. Service dogs are permitted per the Americans with Disabilities Act. Service Members will ensure the service dog always wears a special vest or harness identifying it as a service dog while on the installation or in Army facilities as mandated by Army Directive 2013-01 Chapter 10 (c).

(3) Animals will not be permitted to run at large. Dogs and cats will be on a leash under the control of a mature, responsible individual. Dog leashes will be no longer than 6 feet. They must be confined to quarters or in a fenced area from which they cannot escape. They may be tied to an immovable object, not to include trees, shrubs, or permanent buildings. Owners are responsible for the timely removal of their animals' feces.

(4) Animals will not be left outside unattended for longer than 30 minutes during extreme temperatures or weather conditions. Animals will not be unattended in a vehicle when the outside temperature is over 75 degrees. When the temperature is under 75 degrees, a window must be open at least 3 inches to allow ventilation and the animal cannot be left unattended for more than 10 minutes.

(5) The breeding or raising of pets for profit is not permitted on Fort Cavazos.



(6) Residents, employees, contractors, and / or visitors may not bring any dog of a breed (including a mixed breed) that is deemed aggressive / dangerous or potentially aggressive / dangerous onto the Fort Cavazos installation. For purposes of this policy, aggressive / dangerous or potentially aggressive / dangerous breeds of dogs are defined as Pit Bulls (American Staffordshire Bull Terriers or English Staffordshire Bull Terriers), Rottweilers, Doberman Pinschers, Chows, and wolf hybrids.

(7) This prohibition also extends to other dogs that demonstrate a propensity for dominant or aggressive / dangerous behavior as indicated by any of the following types of conduct: unprovoked barking, growling, snarling when people are present, aggressively running along fence lines when people are present, biting, scratching people, attacking other pets, escaping confinement or the propensity to chase people.

(8) It is unauthorized to bring any exotic, wild, or farm species onto Fort Cavazos for other than official purposes. Examples of exotic, wild or farm species include but are not limited to the following: fish and reptiles such as alligators, electric eels, monkeys, piranhas, pufferfish, sharks, and snakes; wild animals and birds such as ferrets, foxes, hedgehogs, raccoons, rats, skunks, squirrels, owls, ostriches, and falcons; and farm animals and fowl such as pot-bellied pigs, goats, sheep, chickens, and geese. Prior written approval of the Garrison Commander is required to bring exotic, wild, or farm species onto the Installation for official purposes.

b. Service Dog Exceptions.

(1) The installation access restrictions do not apply to service animals. The Department of Justice guidelines implementing the service dog provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act expressly prohibits exclusion of a service dog "based on assumptions or stereotypes about the animal's breed or how the animal might behave." However, if a particular service animal behaves in a way, as stated in 5a (7), the animal may be barred from the installation at the direction of the Garrison Commander.

(2) If a Service Member has authorization to bring a dog that fits the above description of an aggressive / dangerous or potentially aggressive / dangerous dog, onto an installation (for example to receive veterinary services), the dog must always be muzzled while on the installation.

c. Family Housing.

(1) Cavalry Family Housing (CFH) must comply with this policy to the extent practical.

(2) Residents of CFH are limited to two animals per household (except for aquarium fish). This can be two dogs, two cats, or one dog and one cat. Nursing litters



will be exempted for a reasonable amount of time, not to exceed 3 months. CFH is authorized to waive the dog and cat limit after considering the needs of the animal owner / resident, impact to neighboring residents, the expense of additional wear and tear on the dwelling unit, any prior approved waivers, and if any of the dogs or cats are claimed by the animal owner to be a service animal, assistance animal, companion animal, emotional support animal, activity animal, or therapy animal.

(3) The following dogs are restricted breeds, to include any dog with a mix of any of these breeds: American Pit Bull, Staffordshire Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Rottweiler, Doberman Pinscher, Chow Chow, Presa Canario, Cane Corso, Mastiff, Wolf, and Wolf Hybrid. Other animal restrictions can also be found in the CFH Animal Policy.

d. Unaccompanied Housing. Service Members who live in the barracks are prohibited from keeping animals in their building; however, a Service Member may be authorized to keep a service dog.

e. Lodging. While Emotional Support Animals or Comfort Animals are often used as part of a medical treatment plan as therapy animals, they are not considered service animals under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Therapy animals provide people with therapeutic contact, usually in a clinical setting, to improve their physical, social, emotional, and / or cognitive functioning. If your animal is an Emotional Support or Comfort Animal; the IHG Pet Policy applies. For additional information please see the front desk.

f. Registration Requirements.

(1) All dogs and cats over 3 months of age whose owners reside on the installation must be registered.

(2) Registration must be completed within 14 working days after arrival at Fort Cavazos or within 14 days of obtaining a new animal.

(3) Registration can be completed at the VETCEN during normal business hours.

(4) Items needed to complete registration are proof of current required vaccinations and proof of microchip.

(5) Owners who fail to comply with the mandatory registration will be notified in writing through their chain of command. Failure to comply after written notification will result in the removal of the animal from the installation.

g. Vaccinations.



(1) The following vaccinations must be valid, performed by a veterinary professional, and unexpired for each animal: Rabies, Distemper, and Parvovirus. The heartworm test must be completed within the past year. The fecal test must be completed within the past year.

(2) All vaccinations are at the expense of the owner.

h. Stray Animals.

(1) Animals found loose will be detained by the Military Police or reported to the Fort Cavazos Stray Animal Control to be dispatched by calling the DPW Work Reception 254-287-2113.

(2) All pets on Fort Cavazos must have valid, unexpired immunizations (Rabies, Distemper, and Parvovirus), and are required to be brought to the veterinary services for registration and microchipping. Documentation for said registrations must be provided to the appropriate housing office prior to bringing the pets into housing or the barracks. Dogs and cats are required to wear a collar or harness with a current rabies vaccination tag attached.

(3) If an impounded animal is not claimed by its owner within 3 working days, the animal may be adopted by another person, placed in a rescue facility, or euthanized as directed by the Killeen Stray Animal Control.

(4) Owners reclaiming their pets will be required to present the animals' current vaccination records prior to being released and pay for the microchip implantation and updated vaccinations if needed.

(5) Any individual who knowingly and intentionally abandons any domesticated animal on post may face adverse criminal or administrative action and revocation of the privilege to own animals on the installation.

(6) Any Fort Cavazos resident or visitor found to be in violation of this policy is subject to receive citations. Possession of animals on Fort Cavazos is a privilege and multiple violations of this policy could lead to the revocation of the privilege to possess animals on the installation.

i. Animal Cruelty or Abandonment.

(1) If Fort Cavazos Law Enforcement seizes animals on a charge of animal cruelty or abandonment, the Garrison CSM will hold a hearing within 10 calendar days with the appropriate chain of command. The CSM hearing will determine ownership of the animals in question (if owner can have the animal returned or the animal will be turned over to Killeen Animal Services permanently) and will not have anything to do



AMIM-CAG-ZA (40)

SUBJECT: U.S. Army Garrison Fort Cavazos Domestic Animal Policy

with criminal charges that may or may not be filed against the owner / guardian of the animals.

(2) The owner / guardian is granted 10 calendar days after the CSM hearing to file an appeal with the Garrison Commander. Killeen Animal Services is prevented from doing anything with the animals prior to the 10th day; however, the animal can be in foster care as the appeal process has not been exhausted.

(3) If no appeal is filed, Killeen Animal Services becomes the owner of the animal on the morning of the 11th day after the civil hearing took place. However, if the owner DOES file an appeal, the animal must remain in "limbo" until the appeal has been heard by the Garrison Commander.

(4) Neither VETCEN nor Stray Animal Control are involved in the decision of whether the animal is released to the owner or designated a stray animal. This decision is reserved for the Garrison CSM.

6. This policy is effective immediately. Unless an animal demonstrates a propensity for dominant or aggressive / dangerous behavior as previously indicated in policy, current housing residents who are boarding a domestic animal prohibited by this policy may continue to board the animal until they vacate the on-post housing they are residing in on the effective date of this policy.

7. The points of contacts for this action are the Housing Division at (254) 288-9305, the Fort Cavazos Veterinary Center at (254) 287-2823 or the Directorate of Emergency Services at (254) 287-2511.



LAKICIA R. STOKES  
Colonel, LG  
Commanding

DISTRIBUTION:

Directorate of Emergency Services  
Fort Cavazos Veterinary Center  
Killeen Animal Services  
Fort Cavazos Family Housing