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MEMORANDUM FOR All Service Members Assigned or Attached to the United States Army Garrison Daegu, Area IV Installations

SUBJECT: United States Army Garrison (USAG) Daegu Command Policy Letter #26-25, Control of Pets in Army Family Housing and Unaccompanied Housing

1. References:

- a. Army Regulation 420-1, Army Facilities Management, 12 February 2008.
- b. Army Regulation 735-5, Property Accountability Policies, 10 April 2024.
- c. United States Forces Korea Regulation 40-5, Pet Control and Veterinary Service for Domestic Pets, 21 June 2007.
- d. DA Policy- Domestic Animals on Army Installation.

2. The proponent for this policy is the Directorate of Public Works (DPW), Family Housing Division.

3. This policy is effective immediately and remains in effect until rescinded or superseded.

4. This policy establishes clear procedures and requires documentation for tenants housing pets and is essential to maintaining a safe and healthy community for all tenants and their animals.

5. Definition:

a. Domestic pet: For the purposes of this policy, a "domestic pet" includes domesticated dogs and cats, small, caged mammals (like guinea pigs, mice, rabbits, ferrets, and hamsters), non-dangerous birds, aquarium fish, and non-snapping turtles.

b. Exotic pets: For the purposes of this policy, "exotic pets" include, but are not limited to, non-domesticated dogs and cats (like wolves, foxes, dingoes, and ocelots), most reptiles (such as snakes, lizards, and snapping turtles), spiders, scorpions, dangerous birds (raptors), dangerous fish (piranha and sharks), and other wild animals.

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c. Domestic farm animals: For the purposes of this policy, "domestic farm animals" includes, but is not limited to, pot-bellied pigs, miniature horses, goats, chickens, ducks, and other similar livestock.

d. Strays: Stray animals are defined as unowned or feral dogs and cats.

6. Pets are an integral part of many households. However, pets in dwelling units can be problematic. The following rules concerning pet ownership will apply:

a. Tenants assigned to Army Family Housing (AFH) are prohibited from owning and housing exotic pets and domestic farm animals within their government housing units or within the AFH premises.

b. Pets in Unaccompanied Housing (UH) is not authorized.

c. Exceptions can be made for small aquariums (not to exceed 20 gallons in size).

d. Tenants in Family Housing are permitted to have up to two pets, which may be any combination of cats, dogs, caged animals, or birds.

7. Registration Timeframe Requirement:

a. SOFA status personnel must register each domestic pet with their installation's Veterinary Treatment Facility within 10 days of arrival in Korea, or of acquiring the pet.

b. Personnel must also notify the installation Housing Office of pet ownership within 10 days. They are required to maintain current vaccinations for their pet and comply with the installation's microchip program.

8. Documentation Required from AFH Tenants to Housing Office:

a. An official memorandum from the Veterinary stating the specific breed and type of pet or a health certificate stating breed and type of pet.

b. Verification of registration through Veterinary Treatment Facility must be submitted.

9. 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. This also extends to other dangerous behaviors as indicated by any of the following types of conduct:

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- a. Unprovoked barking, growling, or snarling when people are present.
- b. Aggressively running along fence lines when people are present.
- c. Biting or scratching people or attacking other pets.
- d. Escaping confinement or tendency to chase people.

10. Access to Installation for Aggressive Breeds:

- a. Individuals must submit Exception to Policy (ETP) in advance or no later than 5 days after arrival at installation.
- b. An official memorandum from the Veterinary stating specific breed and type of pet or health certificate stating breed and type of pet.
- c. Verification of Registration through Veterinary Treatment Facility must be submitted.
- d. A behavioral memorandum from the Veterinary Treatment Facility stating the pet does not exhibit aggressive behavior or pose a threat to people or other animals, *or* a certificate of obedience training.
- e. Dogs defined as aggressive/dangerous breeds or dogs that have shown aggressive tendencies will be muzzled whenever outside of tenant's unit. Failure to comply will result in the dog's removal from housing or potential termination of the tenants housing.

11. The Following Rules Apply to Pet Owners:

- a. Dogs will be leashed and controlled by an individual 12 years of age or older whenever dogs are outside of an owner's dwelling unit.
- b. Dogs are restricted from all playgrounds and gazebos within the installation.
- c. Dogs are permitted to relieve themselves only on grass or dirt areas. Owners must immediately pick up and properly dispose of all fecal matter in designated waste receptacles. Pet waste disposal bags are the responsibility of the pet owner.
- d. Dogs that habitually bite or nip will be muzzled when taken outside tenant's housing unit.
- e. Breeding of animals in Family Housing is prohibited.

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12. Pet Supervision Requirements:

a. Pet owners are responsible for ensuring that their pets do not disturb the peace and tranquility of other tenants. Pets should not be a nuisance to others. The Housing Office will investigate complaints regarding excessive noise, odors, diseased animals, or pest infestations.

b. Pets (dogs, cats or any pet requiring constant supervision) shall not be left alone in quarters overnight. Owners will plan for the care of their pet when they are away for more than 20 hours.

c. During the summer months and periods of warm weather, no pets of any type will be left alone in a vehicle.

d. Pets are allowed on balconies only when accompanied by a tenant of the housing unit. Balconies are not to be used as a pet relief area or as a kennel. You will be financially responsible for removal of odors caused by pet urine or fecal matter.

13. Pet owners are responsible for any damage their pets cause to government property. Damage assessments will be conducted in accordance with AR 735-5 and AR 420-1. Housing Office Inspectors will identify cleaning and damage fees, and a Statement of Charges will be processed through Finance for payment. These costs apply to damage caused by service animals and emotional support animals as well.

14. Stray Animals:

a. Installation personnel will not provide food, water, or shelter to stray animals or wild animals.

b. Personnel will not tamper with, or release captured uncontrolled cats, dogs, or wild animals from traps.

c. When stray animals are identified, call and notify the DPW Service Order Desk at **763-4824 or 0503-363-4824** for capture and removal.

15. Violation and Reports:

a. Residents, or other personnel in the housing area, are encouraged to report violators of the pet policy to the Housing Office, report should be submitted in writing when possible, at **usarmy.daegu.id-pacific.mesg.dpw-housing-division@army.mil** or **DSN: 763-5166 or COMM: 0503-363-5166**.

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b. The Inspectors will investigate and report all findings and provide them to the Housing Manager.

c. Reports will remain confidential, and the pet owner will not be notified of personnel that filed the report.

d. Three repeated violations within a 12-month period will result in the removal of the pet from the housing unit at the owner's expense or possible termination of housing privileges.

16. The point of contact for this memorandum is the Chief of Housing at 763-4570.

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