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MEMORANDUM FOR All Personnel Assigned to, Living on, Working at or Visiting Fort Gordon.

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1. References:

- a. Army Policy - Domestic Animals on Army Installations.
 - b. Department of Defense Directive 1300.27 (Guidance on the Use of Service Dogs by Service Members), 7 January 2016.
 - c. Army Regulation 40-58, Warrior Care and Transition Program, 23 March 2015.
 - d. American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior, Position Statement on Breed-Specific Legislation, 2014.
 - e. Army Regulation 600-200, Command Policy, 6 November 2014.
 - f. Army Directive 2013-01 (Guidance on the Acquisition and Use of Service dogs by Soldiers), 28 January 2013.
 - g. Balfour Beatty Communities Resident Guide, July 2010.
 - h. Policy for Privatized Housing under the Army's Residential Communities Initiative (RCI) Privatization Program, 5 January 2009.
 - i. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 12131-12134).
 - j. Fair Housing Act of 1968 (FHA) (42 U.S.C.A. 3601-3631)
 - k. U.S. Army Cyber Center of Excellence & Fort Gordon Regulation 420-5 Hunting Fishing, Bicycling, and Training Area Recreation.
2. Purpose. To provide policy regarding domestic animals on Fort Gordon Installations.
3. Applicability. This policy applies to all privately owned animals. This policy does not address control of Department of Defense (DOD)-owned animals, e.g. military working

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dogs, government-owned (non-Department of Defense) animals, or Non-Appropriated Fund-owned animals (NAF-owned animals) such as horses on Army installations.

4. Background: The purpose of this policy is to establish a uniform policy, including minimum standards, for all domestic animals on Fort Gordon installation. This policy also takes into consideration the safety and welfare of all residents, personnel assigned to, living on, working at or visiting Fort Gordon.

5. Policy:

a. General:

(1) Dogs of a breed (including a mixed breed) deemed aggressive/dangerous or potentially aggressive/dangerous are not permitted on Fort Gordon. The purpose of this policy, aggressive/dangerous breeds of dogs are defined as Pit Bulls (American Staffordshire Bull Terriers or English Stafford Shire Bull Terriers), Rottweilers, Doberman Pinschers, Chows, and wolf hybrids. 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:

(a) Unprovoked barking, growling, and/or snarling when people are present.

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

(c) Biting and/or scratching people or attacking other pets.

(d) Escaping confinement or restriction to chase people.

(2) It is unauthorized to bring any exotic, wild, or farm species onto Fort Gordon for other than official purposes. Examples of exotic, wild and farm species include but are not limited to the following: exotic animals, 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 on the installation for official purposes.

(3) The installation access restrictions above do not apply to service animals. 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 of stereotypes about the animal's breed or how the animal

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might behave." However, if a particular service animal behaves in a way, as stated in 5.a. (1) a-d, the animal may be barred from the installation at the direction of the Garrison Commander.

(4) Service members who bring onto Fort Gordon a dog that fits the above description of an aggressive/dangerous or potentially aggressive/dangerous dog for veterinary services are not authorized access to other areas on the installation to include the Dog Park. The dogs are only permitted to visit the Veterinary Services Clinic.

a. Family Housing:

(5) Upon notification of a restricted breed, the sponsor will be required to remove the animal(s) from the installation within 24 hour of notification or risk the sponsor losing his/her pet privileges, as well as possible lease termination.

(6) Residents of Providence Family Homes are limited to two dogs, two cats, or one dog and one cat. All pets must be registered with the Veterinary Treatment Facility and must be up to date on their immunizations, to include distemper for dogs and microchipped. Vaccination records must be provided to Providence Family Homes Management annually.

(7) Owners are responsible for the actions and care of their pets at all times and will ensure:

(a) 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.

(b) They must physically control/retain the animal at all times. Companion animals are on a leash when walking them. NOTE: Voice command is not an acceptable form of control. Additionally, no one is allowed to walk animals they cannot control and must ensure they do not inflict injury on people, other animals, or themselves.

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

(d) At no time will animals be left in a vehicle or unsupervised outside to include within fenced in backyards. Animals will not be chained outside without a fence unless continuously supervised. This requirement prohibits the practice of chaining animals to outside structure (housing unit, tree, etc.) and/or leaving the animal unattended. Electric and invisible fences are prohibited.

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(8) Pets to include all privately owned dogs and cats' registration and concurrent microchipping must occur within 10 days of arrival and assignment to family housing or within five duty days of obtaining the pet. This does not pertain to animals that have been previously microchipped and have the chip identification number scanned and verified at the VTF. Owners who fail to comply with mandatory microchipping will be notified in writing through their chain of command. Failure to comply after written notification will result in the removal of the animal(s) from the installation.

(9) Stray or feral animals will be reported to the Service Order Desk, 706-791-5520. When a stray is reported outside of normal duty hours (16:00 - 07:30, Monday - Sunday), the Service Order Desk would determine, based on information provided, if the animal reported is aggressive, vicious, or has bitten someone. For reports of aggressive/vicious animals or animal bites, the Service Order Desk will direct the caller to contact Fort Gordon Directorate of Emergency Services (DES) at 911.

(10) Removal of dead, decaying animals. All sponsors who live on Fort Gordon are responsible for the removal of domestic animals, such as cats/dogs, or non-domestic animals (such as squirrels/armadillos) that are dead within their area of police responsibility. Providence Family Homes is responsible for removal of carcasses in common areas and for pet owners who are away for extended periods (such as TDY or deployed). Only deceased domestic animals may be cremated at the installation veterinary clinic, where they will dispose of the carcass for a fee.

(11) All dogs and cats that are apprehended and require microchipping and are not will be microchipped by Veterinary Services at the owner's expense prior to release to the owner. Additionally, animals that require microchipping and are not in compliance with the microchipping policy, will be required when visiting the Veterinary Treatment Facility for routine visits to be microchipped at owner's expense prior to discharge.

b. Providence Family Homes maintains authority to:

(1) The animal limit is waived if the resident has the following: service animal, assistance animal, companion animal, emotional support animal, activity animal, or therapy animal. However, resident must coordinate with Providence Family Homes and show proof that animal is registered as one of the previous animals mentioned.

(2) Terminate the tenant's lease for failure to remove aggressive or unruly pets.

c. Unaccompanied Housing (UH) - Army-owned UH. UH residents are prohibited from keeping animals in their building. However, in accordance with

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reference b, a UH resident may be authorized to keep a service dog.

d. Lodging - This policy applies to privatize Army lodging. Animals allowed in privatized Army lodging will only reside in designated pet-friendly rooms.

e. Hunting and training dogs:

(1) Person's training dogs and their bona fide guest (participating and non-participating) will check in and out by utilizing the Fort Gordon iSportsman system (see chapter 5-2 of regulation 420-5).

(2) The use of dogs when hunting deer is prohibited except for trailing wounded animals.

(3) The use of hunting dogs for small game is permitted. Dogs will not be dismounted to hunt until the transporting vehicle is parked.

(4) Persons desiring to train hunting dogs (other than deer/bear dogs) may do so in accordance with the State of Georgia laws. Training dogs will be conducted in Training Areas 23 and 28 only (for waterfowl training see on duty game warden). Training dogs for profit is prohibited. Live rounds will not be in the possession of any person training dogs; however, blank ammunition may be used. Rifles and handguns are not permitted.

(5) Persons desiring to train hunting dogs must have in their possession a valid Fort Gordon hunting permit.

6. Failure to adhere to this pet policy can result in adverse action.

7. The proponent for this policy is the Fort Gordon Housing Office, 706-791- 7067/9656/9785.



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