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MEMORANDUM FOR All Military Personnel, Family Members, Department of Defense (DoD) Civilian Personnel, DoD Contractors, and Visitors to United States Army Garrison, Hawaii (USAG-HI) Installations

SUBJECT: Policy Memorandum USAG-HI-13, Animal Control Policy

1. References.

- a. DoDI 4150.07, DoD Pest Management Program, 26 Dec 19.
- b. AR 40-905/SECNAVINST 6401.1B/AFI 48-131, Veterinary Health Services, 29 Aug 06.
- c. Armed Forces Pest Management Board (AFPMB) Technical Guide No. 37, Integrated Management of Stray Animals on Military Installations, Dec 16.
- d. Memorandum, ASA (IE&E), Subject: Army Policy – Domestic Animals on Army Installations, 16 Aug 18.
- e. Pet Policy for Privatized Housing under the Army's Residential Communities Initiative (RCI) Privatization Program, 5 Jan 09.
- f. DODVSA Policy C-010, Dangerous Animal Regulation, 3 Feb 12.
- g. Policy Memorandum for Hunting at PTA, 15 Jul 22.

2. Purpose. To establish local policy and procedures governing possession and control of domestic animals maintained on USAG-HI installations or brought onto any of its installations; to provide for the safety and welfare of all individuals on USAG-HI installations.

3. Applicability. This policy applies to all Military Personnel, Family Members, DoD Civilian Personnel, DoD Contractors, and others who work on, reside on, or visit any US Army installations, facilities or work sites in Hawaii. This policy is not intended to address control of Department of Defense (DoD)-owned animals, e.g., Military Working Dogs, or Government-owned (non-DoD) animals.

4. Policy.

a. General.

(1) Military Personnel, Family Members, DoD Civilian Personnel, DoD Contractors, and visitors may not bring on any installation any dog that exhibits or has exhibited aggressive or dangerous behavior, regardless of breed. Additionally, no dog of a breed that is deemed aggressive/dangerous or potentially aggressive/dangerous is allowed on any installation. This includes dogs that are mixed-breed that are at least 50% prohibited breed. The breed determination will be by DNA test in coordination with Schofield Barracks Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF) or documentation from a veterinarian or breeder. For purposes of this policy, aggressive/dangerous or potentially aggressive/dangerous breeds of dogs are defined as Pit Bulls (Staffordshire Bull Terrier, American Bully, American Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, or English Staffordshire Terrier), Chows, Rottweilers, Doberman Pinschers, and wolf hybrids. If a dog looks like one, or a mix of one or more, of the aforementioned prohibited breeds, it is presumed as such and banned until proven otherwise; see enclosure Banned Dog Breed Photographs. The Garrison Commander or a designated subject matter expert (SME) (e.g., Chief of Military Housing Division) is the deciding official and may require the DNA test results or documentation described above to prove the dog's breed. This prohibition also extends to all dogs that demonstrate behavior as indicated by any of the following types of conduct:

- (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 restriction to chase people or other pets.

(2) Banning specific dog breeds is just one measure to protect people from potentially dangerous dogs. Responsibly-owned, well-socialized family pets, regardless of breed, offer the least public health risk to the community. Therefore, the following dog bite prevention strategies are additional measures to effectively protect the community:

- (a) Enforcement of the regulations outlined in this policy, with emphasis on identification of dangerous animals and chronically irresponsible owners.
- (b) Enforcement of leash laws.
- (c) Enforcement of pet neutering/spaying.

(d) Enforcement of pet registration, tagging, and microchipping.

(e) Community education for pet care best practices, owner responsibilities, and bite prevention strategies.

(3) The installation access restrictions on specific dog breeds in paragraph 4.a (1) 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 or stereotypes about the animal’s breed or how the animal might behave.” However, if a particular service animal behaves in a manner, as stated in 4.a(1) (a)-(d), the animal may be barred from the installation at the direction of the Garrison Commander or designated SME.

(4) Exceptions to policy to house Emotional Support Animals that are restricted breeds must be requested from the Garrison Commander, through Island Palm Communities (IPC) North at (808) 275-3700 (for Helemano Military Reservation, Schofield Barracks, and Wheeler Army Airfield) or IPC South at (808) 275-3800 (for Aliamanu Military Reservation, Fort Shafter, and Tripler Army Medical Center). This process may take up to 30 days and does not constitute an independent justification for the extension of Temporary Lodging Allowance (TLA). Personnel already occupying IPC housing must request an exception to policy prior to obtaining an emotional support animal that is a restricted breed. Requests for exceptions may be considered where the requestor has a documented physical or emotional disability, and the emotional support animal assists with the specific disability. Exceptions can be denied, and permission may be revoked at any time, including incidents where the animal demonstrates aggression. If an exception to policy is granted, the animal must wear identification that the dog is an emotional support animal when in public areas, and the owner must carry the approved exception to policy document with them. Requests for exceptions to policy must be in writing and include the following:

(a) Documentation establishing that the requestor has a physical or emotional disability (e.g., medical records or letter(s) from a doctor or psychiatrist).

(b) A letter from a licensed veterinarian, animal behaviorist, or animal obedience instructor verifying that the emotional support animal does not demonstrate aggressive or violent tendencies.

(c) Proof that the emotional support animal successfully completed an obedience course.

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

(6) Bringing or keeping any exotic, wild, or farm species on any USAG-HI installation for other than official purposes is not authorized. 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 mongoose, ferrets, foxes, hedgehogs, raccoons, rats, skunks, squirrels, owls, ostriches, and falcons; and farm animals and fowl such as pot-bellied pigs, goats, sheep, chickens, ducks, peacocks, and geese. Prior written approval of the Garrison Commander is required to bring exotic, wild, or farm species onto the installation for official purposes.

(7) Individuals will not abandon animals on or outside USAG-HI installations.

(8) Individuals will not raise or breed pets housed on USAG-HI installations for consumption or commercial purposes. Breeding or allowing the breeding of stray or feral animals is strictly prohibited.

(9) The housing, boarding, or feeding of wild animals, farm animals, and exotic animals as defined in 4.a (6) inside or outside of any USAG-HI facility is prohibited.

(10) Feeding of stray or feral animals is prohibited unless conducted as part of a USAG-HI authorized animal control program.

(11) Pets are not allowed on Fort DeRussy except for service animals.

b. Family Housing

(1) Army Privatized Family Housing. Island Palm Communities (IPC) must comply with this policy to the extent practical. Residents of IPC are limited to two dogs, two cats, or one dog and one cat. IPC 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, emotional support animal, activity animal, or therapy animal. Further restriction of aggressive breeds and animal-related fees may be determined by IPC and included in IPC occupancy policy and resident lease.

(2) The housing, boarding, or feeding of wild animals, farm animals, and exotic animals as defined in 4.a(6) is strictly prohibited inside or outside of IPC quarters.

c. Unaccompanied Housing (UH). Aquarium fish are the only authorized pets in UH. Aquarium tanks in UH must be smaller than 5 gallons or have dimensions smaller than 16 inches in length, 8 inches in width, and 10 inches in height. A UH resident eligible for a service dog under Army Directive 2013-01 may be authorized to keep a service dog in

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UH. Authority to approve service dog residence in UH resides with the Garrison Commander in accordance with Army Regulation 420-1.

d. This policy applies to all lodging facilities on USAG-HI installations.

e. Registration, immunization, microchip, identification, control, and care of pets: Owners of cats, dogs, and other approved pets residing, kept on, or visiting USAG-HI installations must ensure that their animals:

(1) Are registered with the Schofield Barracks or Fort Shafter VTF. Dog owners will provide DNA test results with a breed determination if the dog appears to be one or more of the listed banned breeds, including mixed breeds. VTF registration will include documentation of the breed determination, if appropriate, and the animal's microchip number.

(2) Are registered with the appropriate IPC community center if residing, kept, or visiting IPC housing. Pet owners will provide VTF registration documents to IPC prior to lease signing. IPC will maintain records for all animals residing on or visiting IPC housing.

(3) Are current on all required immunizations, including rabies for cats and dogs; distemper, leptospirosis, hepatitis, parvovirus, and parainfluenza for dogs; and rhinotracheitis, panleukopenia, and calicivirus for cats (feline leukemia may be recommended in certain situations).

(4) Have an identification microchip implanted under the skin which provides an identification number used to locate the registered address and owner should a pet become lost or abandoned.

(a) The microchip must be identified with the actual owner of the pet and a legal residential address. Use of a general, non-specific place of residence (e.g., USAG-HI, Tripler Army Medical Center, Building 682 Schofield Barracks), an address that is not the residence of the owner, or an address that is not the residence for the pet is prohibited.

(b) If a pet does not have a microchip, the VTF must inform the client of this policy.

(c) Upon notification by the VTF, the pet owner is required to comply with this policy. If corrective action is not taken by the pet owner, the Garrison Commander will take appropriate administrative action, which may result in termination of pet privileges.

(5) Wear a pet collar with an identification tag anytime outdoors, including within resident's yard, moving between residence and vehicle, etc.

(6) Are completely under control at all times. All pets must be leashed while in public areas and able to be immediately physically restrained or contained within a pet carrier or cage. Pets must not be left tied and unattended, or unleashed and allowed to roam freely and at will anywhere outside of a fenced area. Owners must ensure that their pets are unable to escape from a fenced area or housing unit and are responsible for maintaining effectiveness of containment measures. Dogs may be unleashed when contained within dog parks on the installations.

(7) Defecate only in the owner's yard, or upon other grounds only during a controlled walk or visit. Owners or caretakers must completely pick up, tightly bag, and place feces in a garbage container daily at their residence or immediately if on grounds other than their residence.

(8) Are maintained in a humane manner. Owners will provide adequate shelter from heat, cold, sun, and rain while pets are kept outside; maintain a high level of sanitation where pets are housed; provide adequate quantities of food and water; will not leave pets unattended inside motor vehicles; arrange for pets to receive care when owner will be away from home longer than 24 hours.

f. Control of stray and feral animals on USAG-HI installations.

(1) Providing food, water, or shelter to stray, feral, or wild animals is prohibited, except when operating as part of a USAG-HI authorized animal control program.

(2) Individuals will not tamper with, damage, or otherwise destroy exclusion measures designed to keep cats and other pests from entering buildings and structures.

(3) Capture, trapping, and euthanization of stray, feral, and wild animals will be carried out by Directorate of Public Works (DPW) or an appropriately licensed Federal, State, or private contractor.

(a) Humane control and trapping techniques will be employed for control of stray and feral animals.

(b) Individuals will not tamper with, damage, or otherwise destroy any traps set out for stray, feral, or wild animal control, nor will any individual release any stray, feral, or wild animal that has been captured.

(4) Military Personnel, Family Members, Department of Defense (DoD) Civilian Personnel, DoD Contractors, including Supervisors, Employees, Facility Managers and Building Custodians will:

(a) Ensure that personnel are informed of this policy and its requirements.

(b) Notify DPW through standard Work Order requests via ArmyMaintenance.com for capture and removal of stray or feral dogs, cats, chickens, mongoose, or pigs that have been observed in or around their facilities. DPW is not responsible for feral animal control in IPC housing. Residents should contact their IPC community center for pest control.

(c) Ensure that personnel do not provide food, water, or shelter to stray or feral animals, or tamper with traps placed to capture these animals.

(d) If an individual continues to disregard this policy after being asked to stop such unauthorized behavior, elevate the issue up the individual's chain of command for appropriate disciplinary action.

(e) Facility Managers and Building Custodians are responsible to inspect and maintain their respective facilities to avoid harboring of wild and feral animals. Animal exclusion measures that become unserviceable should be noted and prioritized for repair.

(5) DPW response to work order requests for feral animal control will be prioritized where this policy is enforced. DPW may not respond to work order requests for as long as unauthorized behavior persists. DPW will not respond to requests for feral animal or pest control in IPC housing.

g. Pest and animal control at Pohakuloa Training Area (PTA).

(1) In general, the same rules and restrictions are applicable at PTA. However, due to differences in site conditions, such as land use and environmental conditions, and staffing some of the guidelines outlined in this policy are not relevant at PTA.

(a) The same restrictions and exceptions apply to aggressive/dangerous or potentially aggressive/dangerous dogs and restricted breeds. Because the breed restriction is not included in 1. g. Policy Memorandum for Hunting at PTA, this restriction does not apply to authorized hunting dogs; see Section 12 of the policy for details.

(b) Bringing or keeping any exotic, wild, or farm species on any USAG-HI installation for other than official purposes is not authorized. Feral ungulates, including sheep and goats, are present at PTA and are included in this regulation. Refer to 1. g. Policy Memorandum for Hunting at PTA, for details of the PTA hunting program.

(c) Individuals will not abandon animals on or outside PTA.

(d) Providing food, water, or shelter to stray, feral, or wild animals is prohibited, except when operating as part of a USAG-HI authorized animal control program.

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(e) Individuals will not tamper with, damage, or otherwise destroy any traps or exclusion measures set out for stray, feral, or wild animal control, nor will any individual release any stray, feral, or wild animal that has been captured.

(f) Because of differences in pest and animal control support staffing, (4) (b) and (5) above are currently not applicable at PTA.

h. Public Affairs. Employees (to include active duty personnel and civilians) who are contacted by members of the media about this policy, or any other issue involving USAG-HI or the Army, should notify the Public Affairs Office (PAO) as soon as possible. PAO personnel are the release authority for the Army and will liaison with the media to include answering queries and setting up and facilitating interviews. The PAO is located at 745 Wright Avenue, Building 107, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii 96857 and can be reached at (808) 656-3154.

5. Penalties. The provisions in this policy memorandum constitute a general order and are punitive. Personnel subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) who fail to comply with the requirements of this policy memorandum are subject to punishment under the UCMJ, as well as to other adverse administrative action. Civilians are subject to discipline as specified in the United States Code of Federal Regulations. Failure to comply with this policy will, in addition to the above administrative or punitive action, require owners, caretakers, feeders, or other individuals to be held responsible for all costs incurred by other parties as a result of care and maintenance provided for an animal, or due to animal related damages; and may result in impoundment or removal of pets and loss of the privilege to have pets in IPC housing on USAG-HI installations, or termination of IPC quarters. IPC and the USAG-HI Commander retain authority to require the removal of any animal from IPC quarters. The USAG-HI Commander retains authority to require the removal of any animal from USAG-HI installations.

6. Responsibilities.

a. Implementation of this policy is shared with the Directorate of Public Works, the Directorate of Emergency Services, the Public Affairs Office, Island Palm Communities, and the Schofield Barracks and Fort Shafter Veterinary Treatment Facilities.

b. All individuals will comply with this memorandum.

7. This policy supersedes Policy Memoranda USAG-HI-13 Stray and Feral Animal Control dated 27 Nov 20, USAG-HI-21 Army Installation Microchip Program dated 26 Aug 16, and USAG-HI 22 Prohibited Dog Breeds on USAG-HI Installations dated 26 August 16. This policy remains in effect until rescinded or superseded in writing.

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8. Point of contact for this policy memorandum is the USAG-HI Integrated Pest Management Coordinator, Environmental Division, Directorate of Public Works, at (808) 655-9181.

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Staffordshire Bull Terrier



American Bully



American Pit Bull Terrier



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English Staffordshire
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Chow Chow



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Rottweiler



Doberman Pinscher



Wolf Hybrid

