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MEMORANDUM FOR Residents of Privatized Housing, Unaccompanied Housing and Privatized Army Lodging

SUBJECT: U.S. Army Garrison (USAG) Policy Memorandum #17 - Installation Pet Control and Microchipping Policy

1. References.

- a. Department of Defense Directive 1300.27, Guidance on the Use of Service Dogs by Service Members
- b. Army Regulation 40-58, Army Recovery Care Program
- c. Army Directive 2013-01, Guidance on the Acquisition and Use of Service Dogs by Soldiers
- d. Army Regulation 40-905, Veterinary Health Services
- e. Pet Policy for Privatized Housing under the Army's Residential Communities Initiative (RCI) Privatization Program, 5 January 2009
- f. Fort Jackson Family Homes Resident Guide, January 2019, Pet Addendum

2. Applicability. This policy applies to privatized housing and privatized lodging located on Fort Jackson. For the purpose of this directive, domestic pets include privately-owned dogs and cats, government-owned dogs, and pets other than dogs and cats, but excluding research animals, farm animals (e.g., horses), and wild animals.

3. Background. This directive establishes a uniform policy, including minimum standards, for domestic pets on Fort Jackson and provides for the safety and welfare of all individuals on the installation by controlling access of animals to the installation. This directive incorporates the existing pet policy for Army privatized housing (reference 1.e.) and applies it to other types of housing to bring predictability as Soldiers and Families move to different installations.

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4. Policy.

a. General.

(1) Consistent with reference 1e, residents, employees, contractors, or visitors may not board any dog of a breed (including a mixed breed) that is deemed aggressive/dangerous or potentially aggressive/dangerous unless the dog is a certified military working dog that is working or being boarded by its handler/trainer. For purposes of this policy, aggressive/dangerous or potentially aggressive/dangerous breeds of dogs include but are not limited to: Pit Bulls (American Staffordshire Bull Terriers or English Staffordshire Bull Terriers), Rottweilers, Doberman Pinschers, Chows, Wolf hybrids, Akitas, American Bull Dogs, and Presa Canarios (Canary Mastiff). This prohibition also extends to other dogs that demonstrate a propensity for aggressive, dominant, and/or dangerous behavior as indicated by any of the following types of conduct:

- (a) Unprovoked barking, growling, etc. at people approaching the animal.
- (b) Aggressively running along fence lines when people are present.
- (c) Biting, scratching, or attacking people and/or other pets.
- (d) Escaping confinement or restriction to chase people or other animals.

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

(3) Sponsors may not own more than two dogs or cats, or one of each animal. All pets must be registered with the Veterinary Treatment Facility and must be up to date on their immunizations, to include distemper for dogs.

(4) Residents, employees, contractors, or visitors may not bring on the installation, exotic or wild animals such as, but not limited to reptiles, rodents (other than hamsters and guinea pigs), ferrets, hedgehogs, skunks, rats, raccoons, squirrels, pot-bellied pigs, monkeys, arachnids, or any farm animal. This includes those personnel temporarily residing in Intercontinental Hotels Group (IHG) on-post hotels.

(5) The installation access restrictions in paragraphs 4a(1) do not apply to service animals or service dogs in training.

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

b. Owners are responsible for the actions and care of their pets at all times and will ensure:

(1) 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.

(2) They can physically always control/restrain the animal. Companion animals must be on a leash when walking them. Note: Voice command is not an acceptable form of animal control. Additionally, children should not be allowed to walk animals if they cannot restrain them and ensure they do not inflict injury on people, other animals, or themselves.

(3) That no animal is allowed to roam freely.

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

(5) Pets must be in the home or behind an approved fenced area in the backyard if unattended. Pet food shall not be kept outside, as it will attract vermin and pests.

(6) Residents with pets are responsible for maintaining healthy living conditions within their home and neighborhoods. Pet waste in public areas, to include walkways, sidewalks, play areas, dog park, and all residential yards, must be immediately picked up and properly disposed of.

c. Privatized housing.

(1) All privately owned dogs and cats residing on post must be microchipped at the time of pet registration at the Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF). Microchipping pets will reduce the number of strays or abandoned animals, decrease the potential

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exposure of infectious diseases to humans, and decrease the number of strays euthanized by increasing the likelihood of return of lost pets to their owners.

(2) Pet registration and concurrent microchipping must occur within ten days of arrival and assignment to family and/or unaccompanied housing on Fort Jackson, or within five duty days of obtaining the pet.

(3) This does not pertain to animals that have been previously microchipped and have the chip identification number scanned and verified at the VTF.

(4) 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.

(5) All pets must be registered with the VTF and must be up to date on their immunizations, to include distemper for dogs. Up to date pet vaccination records must be provided annually to Fort Jackson Family Homes management.

(6) Fort Jackson Family Homes (FJFH) maintains the authority to:

(a) 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, and if any of the dogs or cats are declared by the animal owner to be a service animal.

(b) Charge animal-related fees (both refundable and non-refundable) as stated in the resident lease.

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

(d) Determine additional requirements for tenant liability insurance.

(7) Army-owned Unaccompanied Housing (UH). UH residents are prohibited from keeping animals in their room/building. Residents requiring a service animal must request an exception to policy through the Housing Office.

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(8) Privatized Army Lodging (PAL). Please see IHG Army Hotels Management for an up-to-date Pet Policy for IHG Army Hotels located at the Holiday Inn Express – Candlewood Suites.

5. Failure to adhere to this pet policy will result in loss of pet privileges and (or) lease termination from privatized housing on Fort Jackson.

6. Responsibility:

a. FJFH, Directorate of Public Works (DPW) Pest Control Manager/Pest Contractor, PAL Manager, and Veterinary Services will enforce this policy.

b. All animals apprehended by Pest Control will be scanned to verify its microchip identification number. If not microchipped but a dog tag is present, the animal will be released to its owner. Microchipping and updated immunizations must be provided to FJFH within three working days. If no dog tag or microchip and the owner cannot be identified, the animal will be taken to the local animal shelter. Pest Control will inform DPW, FJFH and (or) Army Housing of all animal apprehensions and residents may be cited.

c. All animals not in compliance when presented to the VTF for routine veterinary visits must be microchipped at the owner's expense prior to discharge.

7. Residents who are currently boarding nonaggressive domestic animals prohibited by this policy must comply within 3 business days of being notified by FJFH.

8. The proponent for this policy is the DPW Army Housing Division. The point of contact is the Army Housing Chief at (803) 751-9343 or email: thomas.c.houston6.civ@army.mil.



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