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SUBJECT: Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall (JBM-HH) Policy Memorandum PW-10, Pet Policy

1. REFERENCES.

- a. Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Installations, Energy and Environment, Army Policy - Domestic Animals on Army Installations, 16 Aug 18.
- b. FMMC Regulation 40-1, Registration of Animals, 14 April 2008.
- c. Department of Defense Instruction 1300.27, Guidance on the Use of Service Dogs by Service Members, 7 Jan 16.
- d. Army Directive 2013-01, Guidance on the Acquisition and Use of Service Dogs by Soldiers, 28 Jan 13.
- e. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. § 12131-12134).
- f. Army Regulations 40-58, Warrior Care and Transition Program, 23 Mar 15.
- g. American Veterinary Society of Animal Behavior, Position Statement on Breed-Specific Legislation, 2014.
- h. Army Regulation 600-20, Command Policy, 6 Nov 14.
- i. Fair Housing Act (Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968)(42 U.S.C. § 3601-3631).

2. PURPOSE. To establish a uniform policy for domestic animals on all JBM-HH installations, to include Fort Myer, Henderson Hall, and Fort McNair. This policy provides for the safety and welfare of all individuals on JBM-HH and Fort McNair.

3. APPLICABILITY. This policy applies to privately owned animals, specifically those pets owned by Service Members, government employees, and contractors, including all family members and visitors. This policy is not intended to address control of Department of Defense-owned animals, e.g. military working dogs; government-owned non-

Department of Defense animals; or non-appropriated fund-owned animals, such as horses, on JBM-HH.

4. POLICY and PROCEDURES.

a. General.

(1) Residents, employees, contractors, and visitors may not bring on JBM-HH and Fort McNair, any dog of a breed (including mixed breed) that is deemed aggressive/dangerous or potentially aggressive/dangerous. 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. 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, 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.

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

(a) 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 structures (housing unit, tree, etc.) and/or leaving the animal unattended. Electric and invisible fences are prohibited.

(b) Pet registration and concurrent microchipping must occur within 10 days of arrival and assignment to family housing or within 5 days of obtaining a pet. This does not pertain to animals that have been previously microchipped and have the chip identification number scanned and verified at the Veterinary Services. The Veterinary Treatment Facility is located at 101 Jackson Street, Building 239, on JBM-HH. Patients are seen by appointment only. The phone number is 703-696-3604.

(c) 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, as well as possible lease termination.

(3) It is unauthorized to bring any exotic, wild, or farm species onto any installation Army-wide for other than official purposes. Examples of exotic, wild and farm species include but are not limited to the following: exotic animals such as primates/monkeys, snakes, sharks; exotic fish such as sting rays, stone fish, lion fish, tiger fish, candirus, mantas, piranhas, electric eels, octopi/octopuses, jelly fish, and pufferfish; reptiles such as alligators, crocodiles, and lizards; wild animals and birds such as ferrets, foxes, hedgehogs, wood chucks, raccoons, rats, skunks, tigers, squirrels, possums, owls, ostriches, lions, hawks, and falcons; and farm animals and fowls such a pot-belly pigs, goats, sheep, cows, lambs, chickens, turkeys, and geese. Prior written approval of the Installation Commander is required to bring exotic, wild, or farm species onto the Installation for official purposes.

(4) If a Servicemember has authorization to bring his animal onto an installation (for example, to receive veterinary services) and the animal is 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.

b. Family Housing.

(1) JBM-HH and Fort McNair-owned Family Housing must comply with this policy and specific domestic animal policies. Residents of Army-owned Family Housing are limited to two dogs, two cats, or one dog and one cat. The Garrison Commander is authorized to waive the dog and cat limits 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.

(2) Pet owners must immediately clean up and properly dispose of all fecal waste created by their pet in all public areas, property of other residents, and in their own yard to reduce spread of disease from animals to humans. Pet owners must not allow their pets to create an unsightly, offensive, or potentially unhealthy environment with their excrement.

(3) Pets found unattended, running free, or not under control of the owner by leash on JBM-HH may be apprehended by the Animal Welfare League of Arlington. Animals picked up as strays by Arlington County are brought to the Animal Welfare League of Arlington, 2650 South Arlington Mill Drive, Arlington, VA 22205, phone (703) 931-9241, fax (703) 931-2568 or www.awla.org.

(4) Pets found unattended, running free, or not under control of the owner by leash on Fort McNair may be apprehended by the District of Columbia Animal Control. Animals picked up as strays by District of Columbia Animal Control, 1201 New York Avenue, N.E., Washington, DC 20002, phone (202) 576-6664, fax (202) 635-7915 or www.wash.humane.org.

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(5) The practice of feeding or providing shelter to wildlife, stray, or feral animals is strictly prohibited. In addition, all personnel residing on JBM-HH or Fort McNair are requested to collect refuse and garbage in properly covered containers to discourage wild or stray animals from roaming in housing areas. To report wildlife, strays or feral animals in need of assistance or removal, use the same contact information provided in paragraphs 4b(3) and (4) for Forts Myer and McNair, respectively.

c. Unaccompanied Housing (UH). UH residents are prohibited from keeping animals in their building; however, a UH resident may be authorized to keep a service dog.

d. Lodging. This policy and installation-specific domestic animal policies apply to Army-owned lodging. Animals allowed in Army-owned lodging will only reside in designated pet-friendly rooms.

e. This policy is effective immediately. Unless an animal demonstrates a propensity for dominant or aggressive/dangerous behavior as indicated in paragraph 4a(1), current Army housing residents who are boarding a domestic animal prohibited by this policy may continue to board the animal until they vacate the on-post Army housing they are residing in on the effective date of this policy.

5. PROPONENT. The proponent and point-of-contact for this policy memorandum is the Executive Management Housing Division, (703) 696-3557 or DSN 426-3557.

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