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MEMORANDUM FOR

Commanders, All Units Reporting Directly to this Headquarters
Commanders, Fort Knox partners in Excellence
Directors and Chiefs, Staff Offices/Departments, This Headquarters

SUBJECT: Garrison Policy Memo No. 3 – Fort Knox Pet Control

1. REFERENCES:

- a. Army Regulation (AR) 40-905, (Veterinary Health Services).
- b. Knox Hills Resident Guide, 1 June 2018.
- c. SAIE Policy – (Domestic Animals on Army Installations), 16 August 2018.
- d. Title 40, U.S.C., Section 291, (Admission of Guide Dogs Accompanied by Blind Masters).

2. PURPOSE: Pet owners have the responsibility to control their pets. Unsupervised and unleashed pets are not permitted on the installation. Pets must be on a leash at all times when outside the home or when not in an enclosed yard. This includes cats. Voice command is not an acceptable means of control. Pets are not allowed at bus stops, playgrounds or tot lots at any time.

3. PROHIBITED ANIMALS: Wild animals, exotic animals, farm animals or fish tanks/aquariums larger than 20 gallons are prohibited. American Pit Bull Terrier, Pit Bull/Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, English Staffordshire Terrier, Rottweiler, Doberman, Chow Chow, Presa Canario, Cane Corso, Neapolitan Mastiff, Wolf, and Wolf Hybrid, including mixed breeds, are prohibited. This restricted breeds policy may not apply to service animals. This prohibition also extends to other dogs that demonstrate a propensity for dominant or aggressive behavior.

4. AGGRESSIVE DOGS: No animal shall be allowed to snap, growl, snarl, jump on or otherwise threaten persons without provocation. Aggressive animals which cause unprovoked harm to any person or animal, or are involved in any provoked bite/scratch incidents may be immediately removed from post by authority of the Garrison Commander.

5. **ADDITIONAL PETS:** Residents may have a total of two pets (dogs and cats) in any combination. Dogs and cats are deemed appropriate domestic pets. Small animals such as birds, fish and guinea pigs are allowed as long as they are properly caged and cared for and they are not owned for breeding purposes. Additional pets are not allowed without permission from the Garrison Commander.

6. **AUTHORIZED HOUSING:** Authorized animals are housed within the home. Garages or balconies are not suitable housing. Pets are not to be tied or staked outside the home. Pets are required to be in the home or in an enclosed backyard if unattended. Dog houses and kennels are permitted within enclosed yards only and should be removed prior to move-out. Kennels or houses must not be taller than the existing fencing. Owners are responsible to ensure dogs are not excessively barking or disturbing neighbors while outside.

7. **SERVICE AND THERAPY DOGS:** Service and therapy (emotional support animals) dogs are wonderful tools which help serve mankind. The Service Dog is any dog trained to assist and meet the needs of its disabled handler, as implemented by the Guide Dog regulations established under Title 40, U.S.C., and Section 291. A Therapy dog is any dog that is trained to meet the needs of others, such as in a nursing home, hospital, schools, and a variety of other settings. There are dogs that do multiple jobs as both service dogs and therapy dogs. Service dogs are protected under the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act and may accompany their handler in every public environment. Some of those areas are restaurants, grocery stores, medical facilities, official buildings and courts. Therapy dogs do not have the same access rights as service dogs. A Service dog can be any breed or size, however a therapy or emotional support animal must abide by the prohibited animal restrictions.

8. Violations of this pet policy may result in an order to remove the animal from the installation. Violations may also result in a resident warning letter and may lead to exclusion from the installation housing areas for any serious or repeat violation of the policy.

9. The point of contact for this policy is the Department of Public Works Housing Division Chief Mary-ellen Correia, at (502) 624-8350 or maryellen.correia.civ@mail.mil.

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