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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Garrison Policy Memorandum #15 - Fort Riley Banned Dog Breed and Animal Control Policy

1. REFERENCES.

- a. Fort Riley Regulation 40-18, Pet Control and Disease Prevention.
- b. Department of Defense Directive 1300.27 (Guidance on the Use of Service Dogs by Military Members), 7 January 2016.
- c. Army Directive 2013-1, Guidance on the Acquisition and Use of Service Dogs by Soldiers, 28 January 2013.
- d. Pet Policy for Privatized Housing under the Army's Residential Communities Initiative (RCI) Privatization Program, 05 January 09.
- e. Fort Riley MEDDAC 40-106, Rabies Control.
- f. Army Regulation 40-58, Army Warrior Care and Transition Program.
- g. Fair Housing ACT of 1968 (FHA) (42 U.S.C.A 3601-3631).
- h. American with Disabilities Act of 1990 (U.S.C. 12131-12134).
- i. Army Policy- Domestic Animals on Army Installations, 3 August 2018.
- j. Army Universal Lease and project specific pet addendum 1 June 2021.

2. In following with previous policies and regulations, residents, employees, contractors, visitors, Soldiers and Family members residing in barracks or privatized housing on Fort Riley must adhere to the following requirements:

- a. May not board in housing any dog of any breed (including a mixed breed) that is deemed "aggressive or potentially aggressive" unless the dog is a certified military working dog that is currently working and being boarded by its handler/trainer. For the purposes of this policy, aggressive or potentially aggressive breeds of dogs are defined as Pit Bulls (American Staffordshire Bull Terriers or English Staffordshire Bull

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Terriers), Rottweilers, Doberman Pinschers, Chows, wolf hybrids, Alaskan Malamutes Great Dane, Akitas, Mastiffs, Presa Canarios and any cross of these breeds of dog. This prohibition also extends to other dogs demonstrating a propensity for dominant or aggressive behavior.

b. Comply with all applicable state, federal, and local laws and all installation specific requirements associated with the ownership, registration, control, and vaccination of pets.

c. Any of the aforementioned breeds and crosses of these breeds are not allowed on Fort Riley. The determination of a dog's breed is at the discretion of the Garrison Commander or his representative(s), to include Chief of Housing Division, Veterinary Commander and personnel acting in the capacity of animal control officer.

3. The following procedures will be followed in case of human injury from an animal occurring on the installation:

a. Animals biting or scratching humans will be quarantined as rabies suspects at the discretion of the Branch Chief, Veterinary Services. Such animals will not be destroyed, given away, sold, or otherwise disposed of by an owner until completion of the quarantine period.

b. A medical officer who treats a patient for any animal bite will report the incident to the F01t Riley Police Department at 239-6767. The medical officer will also comply with Fort Riley MEDDAC 40-106 (Rabies Control).

c. The Fort Riley Police Department will pick up the animal in question and deliver it to the Stray Animal Facility, or direct the owner to deliver said animal for observation and quarantine.

d. Quarantine will occur within the Stray Animal Facility, a private veterinary establishment, or within the owner's quarters at the discretion of the Branch Chief, Veterinary Services, or his designated representative.

4. The following animals are prohibited from the installation:

a. Dogs of the breeds mentioned in section 2.b

b. Aggressive animals, defined as animals that demonstrate or are known to demonstrate a propensity for dominant or aggressive behavior as indicated by any of the following types of behaviors:

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1) Unprovoked barking, growling, or snarling at people approaching the animal.

2) Aggressively running along a fence line when people are present.

3) Biting or scratching people.

4) Escaping confinement or restriction to chase people.

c. Exotic, farm, ranch, or wild animals including, but not limited to, marsupials, primates (monkeys, apes, lemurs, etc.), ferrets, raccoons, hedgehogs, pot-bellied pigs, exotic felines, squirrels, skunks, rodents (rats and mice), reptiles, snakes, spiders, and any other animal requiring a permit from the Fish and Wildlife Service (such as most bird and wildlife species) may not be kept as pets. Wolves, wolf hybrids, coyotes, and coyote hybrids are prohibited. NOTE: Guinea pigs, hamsters, gerbils, domestic rabbits, certain caged birds (passeriformes, piciformes, and psittaciformes only), and fish are not considered exotic and may be kept as pets.

5. The following pet policies will be adhered to on Fort Riley:

a. Tenants are allowed to possess or maintain no more than two dogs, or two cats, or one dog and one cat. If a pet gives birth and the resultant offspring causes the owner to be in possession of more than two pets in violation of this rule, the owner will have eight (8) weeks to remove excess animals from post unless a waiver is granted by the Garrison Commander or his designee. Breeding of animals for commercial use or sale is prohibited. Operating a commercial kennel is prohibited. Spaying and neutering (surgically sterilizing) is encouraged to prevent unwanted pregnancies.

b. All pets must be controlled at all times. Pets must be confined to the home or a fenced yard. Pets capable of jumping a fence must be tethered. At no time may pets be tethered to trees, bushes, or any building, fence, or structure. When outside of the home or fence, pets must be secured with leashes or under positive control of an individual physically able to control them. Pets may not be left tied or unattended in exterior appurtenances or unfenced yards or allowed to run loose outside fenced yard.

c. Pets must be provided food, water, and shelter from the elements, to include times when they are left unattended. Failure to provide for these basic needs may constitute negligence and is a punishable offense. Examples of negligent behavior include, but are not limited to:

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1) Leaving a pet tied up in extreme conditions (hotter than 85 degrees F or colder than 45 degrees F) without access to shelter.

2) Leaving a pet tied up without access to food or water.

d. All pets on Fort Riley must have current immunizations (for Distemper, Parvovirus, and Rabies), are required to be brought to Veterinary services for registration and microchipping. Documentation for said registrations must be provided to the appropriate housing office prior to bringing the pets into housing or barracks. Dogs and cats are required to wear a collar or harness with a current rabies vaccination tag attached.

e. Pet areas must be cleaned regularly to control and prevent vermin infestation. Pet feces must be picked up daily or immediately if the pet evacuates outside the patio or yard, to include inside a residence. Pet owners will also immediately pick up feces in common housing areas while walking pets.

f. All equines and all animals brought onto Fort Riley for the purpose of entertainment, special events, or competitions (such as petting zoos and educational events) must be inspected by Veterinary Services personnel prior to being admitted to Fort Riley. Fort Riley Veterinary Services personnel must be contacted in advance to coordinate such access and they may deny permission for an animal to be brought on post if it is deemed that the animal poses a health risk to Fort Riley personnel or animals.

6. The Residential Communities' Initiative Partner (RCIP) or a designated representative, with the consent of the Garrison Commander, has the authority to grant exceptions to policy on a case-by-case basis.

a. Such exceptions will be made 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 waivers; if any of the dogs or cats are claimed by the owner to be a service animal assistance animal, companion animal, emotional support animal, activity animal, or therapy animal; and after validation that the exception does not conflict with existing Army policy.

b. All individuals applying for such an exception must possess written documentation from a source determined to be reputable by the Garrison Commander or his designee verifying that the animal is a service animal or retired working dog and must ensure that all exempted animals are housed in a way that will minimize contact with the public and minimize the occurrence of aggressive incidents.

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c. If a service member or owner is granted an exception to policy or authorization to bring a dog that fits the above description of an aggressive/dangerous dog onto the installation (e.g., to receive veterinary services), then the dog must be muzzled at all times while it is on the installation, except when inside the owner's home (if domicile is on the installation).

d. Exceptions granted by the RCIP may be conditioned on the owner providing an increased pet deposit and/or proof of liability insurance that would cover damages resulting from the animal's behavior.

e. In all cases, the grant or denial of exceptions will adhere to applicable provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

7. This policy is punitive. Any violation of this policy is subject to action under the UCMJ. In addition, violations of this policy could result in the pet owner's on post pet privileges being revoked or the pet owner being barred from Family housing.

8. POC's for this action are the Housing Division at 239-0679, Veterinary Services at 239-3886 or the Directorate of Emergency Services at 239-6767.


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