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**MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION**

**SUBJECT: Domestic Animals on Fort Wainwright (USAG Fort Wainwright Policy #15)**

**1. References:**

a. Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Installations, Energy and Environment), Subject: Army Policy – Domestic Animals on Army Installations), dated 16 August 2018.

b. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. §12131-12134).

c. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended.

d. Department of Defense Directive 1300.27 (Guidance on the Use of Service Dogs by Service Members), 7 January 2016.

e. Army Regulation 600-7, Unlawful Discrimination on the Basis of Disability in Programs and Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance from or Conducted by the Department of the Army, 10 March 2020.

f. Army Regulation 690-12, Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity, 12 December 2019.

**2. Purpose.** To provide policy for Domestic Animals on Fort Wainwright in accordance with reference 1.a.

**3. Applicability.** This policy applies to all facilities and events on Fort Wainwright and all types of Army housing and lodging, including Army owned, privatized, and leased. This policy applies only to privately owned animals ("Domestic Animals"), specifically, those owned by or under the control of Service Members, Government employees, Contractors, all Family members and all visitors on the installation. This policy is not intended to address control of Department of Defense (DoD) owned animals, e.g. Military working Dogs, Government owned (non-Department of Defense) animals, or Non-Appropriated Fund owned animals (NAF owned animals) on Fort Wainwright.

**4. Policy:**

a. General:

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(1) The Garrison Commander has been delegated authority over installation access for all domestic animals, other than service dogs as described by Department of Defense Directive 1300.27 (Guidance on the Use of Service Dogs by Service Members), 7 January 2016; and Army Directive 2013-01 (Guidance on the Acquisition and Use of Service Dogs by Soldiers), 28 January 2013.

(2) Every Installation must have a domestic animal policy that adheres to the guidance in this policy and complies with all applicable host nation, federal, state, local laws and regulations, and all installation specific requirements associated with installation access, ownership, registration, control, and vaccination of domestic animals.

(3) Residents, employees, contractors, or visitors may not bring on Fort Wainwright any dog of a breed (including a 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.

(4) It is unauthorized to bring any exotic, wild, or farm species onto Fort Wainwright for other than official purposes. 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 ferrets, foxes, hedgehogs, raccoons, rats, skunks, squirrels, owls, ostriches, and falcons; and farm animals and fowl such as pot-bellied pigs, goats, sheep, chickens, and geese. Prior written approval of the Garrison Commander is required to bring exotic, wild, or farm species on Fort Wainwright for official purposes.

(5) Fort Wainwright access restrictions in paragraphs 4.a.(3) and 4.a.(4) do not apply to service animals. Department of Justice guidelines implementing the service animal provisions of the American with Disabilities Act expressly prohibits exclusion of a

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service animal “based on assumptions or stereotypes about the animal’s breed or how the animal may behave.” However, if a particular service animal behaves in a way stated in 4.a.(3)(a)-(d), the animal may be barred from the installation—to include facilities and events—at the direction of the Garrison Commander.

(6) The Fort Wainwright access restrictions in paragraphs 4.a.(3) and 4.a.(4) do not apply to domestic animals that have been approved with respect to any reasonable accommodation request in accordance with the procedures in Army Regulation (AR) 690-12 or in accordance with AR 600-7.

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

b. Army Privatized Family Housing. Army Privatized Family Housing residents and visitors remain subject to compliance with this policy and other installation specific domestic animal policies to the extent practical. Also, residents of Army Privatized Family Housing are limited to two dogs, two cats, or one dog and one cat. The privatized housing owner 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, companion animal, emotional support animal, activity animal, or therapy animal. Restrictions of aggressive breeds may be further outlined in the privatized owner occupancy policy. In addition, the privatized housing owner may also charge animal-related fees (both refundable and non-refundable) as stated in the resident lease. The fee structure for dogs and cats may vary from installation to installation.

c. Army-Owned Unaccompanied Housing (UH). UH residents are prohibited from keeping animals in their building. However, a UH resident may be authorized to keep a service animal, as defined by reference (a) and if approved by the Garrison Commander on a case by case basis.

d. Lodging. This policy applies to guests and visitors of Army and/or Privatized Army lodging on the installation. Animals allowed in lodging premises on the installation will only reside in designated pet-friendly rooms and be present in other parts of the premises made available for pet use.

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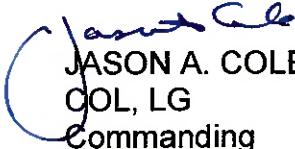
e. Facilities and Events.

(1) This policy applies to all facilities, to include dwelling units, offices, workspace and DFMWR facilities. Service animals as defined in paragraph 4.a. will adhere to the same standards across all facilities.

(2) This policy applies to all indoor or outdoor events (e.g., Summer Concert, fun runs, unit events). Commanders are responsible to ensure this policy is adhered to during unit events on the installation. Service animals as defined in paragraph 4.a. will adhere to the same standards across all events.

5. This policy supersedes USAG Fort Wainwright Policy #15, subject: Domestic Animals on Fort Wainwright, dated 2 June 2023.

6. POC for this policy is the USAG Alaska Executive Officer, (907) 353-6275.

  
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