



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON, FORT RILEY
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FORT RILEY, KANSAS 66442

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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, 19 DEC 2008
- b. Army Directive 2013-1, Guidance on the Acquisition and Use of Service Dogs by Soldiers, 28 JAN 2013
- c. DA Pet Policy, 05 JAN 09
- d. Fort Riley MEDDAC 40-106, Rabies Control, 18 JUN 2012

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

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

b. 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 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 Terriers), Rottweilers, Doberman Pinschers, Chows, wolf hybrids and any cross of these breeds of dog. Prohibition also extends to other dogs that demonstrate a propensity for dominant or aggressive behavior.

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 personnel acting in the capacity of animal control officers.

d. These breeds of dogs have been bred for the purposes of aggression and may pose a danger to Soldiers, Families, and visitors to Fort Riley. Pit Bulls (American Staffordshire Bull Terriers or English Staffordshire Bull Terriers), Rottweiler's, Doberman Pinschers, Chows, wolf hybrids and any cross of these breeds of dog have a genetic

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propensity which may lead to unprovoked aggression or attacks. This policy has taken into account the fact that Soldiers and Families become emotionally attached to their pets; however, the safety of everyone on the installation is the primary concern.

(1) 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 the owner until completion of the quarantine period.

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

(3) The Fort Riley Police Department will pick up the animal in question and deliver it to the VTF, or direct the owner to deliver said animal for observation and quarantine.

(4) 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.

e. The following animals are prohibited from the installation:

(1) Dogs of the breeds mentioned in section 2.b

(2) 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:

(a) Unprovoked barking, growling, or snarling at people approaching the animal

(b) Aggressively running along a fence line when people are present

(c) Biting or scratching people

(d) Escaping confinement or restriction to chase people

(3) 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.

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f. Tenants are allowed to possess or maintain no more than three pets. Excess caused by pets giving birth must be removed from the residence within eight (8) weeks. Tenants must request a waiver for any pregnancy or additional pets. 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.

g. 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 times 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.

h. 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 that may be negligent include, but are not limited to:

(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

i. All pets on Fort Riley must have current immunizations (for Distemper, Parvovirus, and Rabies) and must be microchipped. Dogs and cats are required to wear a collar or harness with current rabies vaccination tag attached

j. 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.

k. All equines and all animals brought on to 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.

3. The Garrison Commander or a designated representative has the authority to:

a. Determine additional requirements for tenant liability insurance.

b. Terminate tenant lease for failure to remove aggressive or unruly pets

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c. Assess pet deposits/additional charges for damages that exceed deposit amount

d. Grant exceptions to policy on a case-by-case basis, after validation from HQDA that the exception does not conflict with existing Army policy. All individuals who apply for this exception must possess written documentation from a reputable source 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.

4. This policy is punitive. Any violation of this policy is subject to 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. Tenants of privatized housing that are currently boarding pets prohibited by this policy may continue to board the pet until they vacate privatized on-post housing unless the pet demonstrates a propensity for dominant or aggressive behavior as indicated in item 2.e above.

5. POC for this action is Veterinary Services at 239-6081 or the Directorate of Emergency Services at 239-6767.



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