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MEMORANDUM FOR Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management

SUBJECT: Pet Policy for Privatized Housing Under the Army's Residential Communities Initiative (RCI) Privatization Program

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to forward the Pet Policy for privatized housing (attached), as developed by the Privatization Partners, for tenants in RCI Housing developments. This policy is in response to the Army's request for standardization regarding pets in privatized housing. It takes into consideration the safety, welfare and quiet enjoyment of all residents in privatized housing and was developed with input from current residents, Garrisons and this Headquarters. Request widest dissemination throughout the Installation Management Command.

2. Questions relating to clarification of this policy should be directed to my Plans and Policy Division point of contact, Ms. Joyce VanSlyke, [joyce.vanslyke@us.army.mil](mailto:joyce.vanslyke@us.army.mil), (703) 692-9897.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Paul P. Bollinger Jr.", is written over the typed name and title.

Attachment

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Pet Policy for Privatized Housing Under the Army's Residential Communities Initiative (RCI)  
Privatization Program

1. Tenants of RCI privatized housing on Army installations 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 privatized housing any dog of a 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 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, and wolf hybrids. Prohibition also extends to other dogs that demonstrate a propensity for dominant or aggressive behavior as indicated by any of the following types of conduct:

- (1) Unprovoked barking, growling, or snarling at people approaching the animal
- (2) Aggressively running along fence lines when people are present
- (3) Biting or scratching people
- (4) Escaping confinement or restriction to chase people

c. May not board in privatized housing exotic animals such as, but not limited to, reptiles, rodents (other than hamsters and guinea pigs), ferrets, hedgehogs, skunks, rats, raccoons, squirrels, pot bellied pigs, monkeys, arachnids, or any farm animal.

2. Project Owners maintain the authority to:

- a. Determine additional requirements for tenant liability insurance.
- b. Terminate tenant lease for failure to remove aggressive or unruly pets.
- c. Assess pet deposits/additional charges for damages that exceed deposit amount.

d. Grant exceptions to this Pet Policy, after validation from HQDA that the exception does not conflict with existing Army policy for installations.

3. This policy is effective immediately. 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 1.b. above.