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FROM: HQ USAF/A4/7
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SUBJECT: Air Force Guidance Memorandum - Pets in Military, Government-Managed and Privatized Family Housing (Change to AFI 32-6001)

This is an AF Guidance Memorandum immediately changing AFI 32-6001, *Family Housing Management*. Compliance with this Memorandum is mandatory. To the extent directions are inconsistent with other Air Force publications the information herein prevails, in accordance with AFI 33-360, *Publications and Forms Management.*

This policy standardizes pet policies across the Air Force and is compatible with policies of other Services. The Installation Commander ensures residents in housing comply with applicable federal, state, local, and foreign country laws, installation-specific requirements for pet ownership, registration, control and vaccination, and adhere to the following guidelines. Installation Commander authorities, relating to the security or mission of the installation, the health, welfare, safety or security of persons on the installation or the maintenance of good order and discipline as established in law, regulation or military custom, remain unchanged. Pending and future project solicitations and project documents should require privatized housing project owners to support government standards and incorporate the standards into tenant leases to the extent consistent with applicable state and local law. For closed projects, the Air Force should coordinate with project owners in an attempt to incorporate the standards into project documents. Commanders address local requirements and processes in the base supplement and Housing Brochure.

a. Residents may not board dogs of any breed (including a mixed breed) that are deemed "aggressive or potentially aggressive," unless the dog is a certified military working dog that is being boarded by its handler/trainer or approval is obtained by the Installation Commander in writing. For purposes of this policy, aggressive or potentially aggressive breeds of dogs are defined as a Pit Bull (American Staffordshire Bull Terrier or English Staffordshire Bull Terrier), Rottweiler, Doberman Pinscher, Chow and wolf hybrids. Prohibition also extends to other breeds of dogs or individual dogs that demonstrate or are known to demonstrate a propensity for dominant or aggressive behavior as indicated by any of the following type of behaviors:

(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

b. Residents may not board 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.

c. Pets must be secured with leashes or under positive control while outdoors, except in fenced patios and yards. Pets must not be left tied or unattended in exterior appurtenances or unfenced yards or allowed to run loose outside fenced yard.

d. Pet owners must maintain current immunizations on all pets. Dogs and cats are required to wear a collar or harness with current rabies and distemper vaccination 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.

f. Operating a commercial kennel is prohibited.

g. For government controlled housing, the Installation Commander retains the authority to determine the following:

(1) Number and type of pets allowed per household

(2) Termination of residency for failure to remove aggressive or unruly pets

h. Project Owners determine the following in privatized housing:

(1) Additional requirements for tenant liability insurance

(2) Number and type of pets allowed per household

(3) Termination of tenant lease for failure to remove aggressive or unruly pets

(4) Charges for pet damages

This policy is effective immediately. Residents currently boarding pets prohibited by this policy may continue to board the pet until they terminate housing unless the pet demonstrates a propensity for behavior described in paragraph a. or if resident is in violation of their current Lease Agreement.

Ensure all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this Memorandum are maintained in accordance with AF Manual (AFMAN) 33-363, Management of Records, and disposed of in accordance with the Air Force Records Disposition Schedule (RDS) located at https://afrims.amc.af.mil/.

The policy established herein becomes void after 180 days have elapsed from the date of this Memorandum, or when incorporated by interim change or revision of AFI 32-6001. All attached enclosures are previously approved guidance changes that remain in effect and will be incorporated by interim change or revision of AFI 32-6001.

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Enclosure:
AFI32-6001_AFGM1, Sex Offenders in Military, Government-Managed and Privatized Family Housing

driveways or sidewalks where damage to cords or trip hazards could occur.

SECTION 3: PETS

3.1 OWNER RESPONSIBILITY. Tenants are responsible for the behavior of their pets and must assure their pets do not become a nuisance or menace to other pets, persons, or property. Owners must maintain clean surroundings and provide proper humane care for their pets. Owners displaying a lack of responsibility jeopardize their privilege of having pets in AMH housing. AMH reserves the right to require the removal of any animal when there is confirmation of neglect, abuse, biting, nuisance, and/or destruction of property.

3.2 AUTHORIZED PETS. AMH Tenants are allowed to possess or maintain no more than two adult pets. Excesses 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 in AMH. Spaying and neutering is encouraged.

3.2.1 PROHIBITED PETS. The following breeds of dogs (including mixes of these breeds) are prohibited: Pit Bull (American Staffordshire Bull Terrier of English Staffordshire Bull Terrier), Rottweiler, Akita, Chow, and wolf hybrids. Members are allowed 1 Doberman Pincher and no other additional pets. In addition, the following animals are prohibited from being kept as pets: farm, ranch, or wild animals, marsupials, primates (monkeys and apes), ferrets, raccoons, hedgehogs, pot-bellied pigs, exotic felines, squirrels, skunks, rodents (rats and mice), reptiles, snakes, spiders, and any animal requiring a permit from the Fish and Wildlife Service. NOTE: Guinea pigs, hamsters, gerbils, rabbits, caged birds, and fish are not considered exotic and may be kept as pets.

3.3 REGISTRATION. Pet ownership is a privilege that shall be extended to all Tenants at JBER. Prior to taking occupancy in an AMH unit, all privately owned pets over four months of age must be registered with the JBER Veterinarian and have certificates showing they have received the required vaccinations and/or micro chips as required. Registered animals are required to wear a registration tag showing they have had a rabies vaccination. Owners must provide AMH with a completed **Pet Application/Registration** form with attached registration paperwork. Tenants must notify AMH once registered pets are no longer in the household.

3.4 CONTROL. Tenants are responsible for controlling their pets at all times. Pets must be confined to the home or in a fenced yard. Pets capable of jumping the fence must be tethered. At no time may pets be tethered to trees, bushes, any building, fence or structure. When outside of the home or fence, pets must be on a leash and under the control of an individual physically able to control the animal. Pets must never be tethered outside the fenced area.

3.4.1 KENNELS. Kennels, dog runs, electrical fences or electrical wiring ARE NOT permitted in family housing.

3.5 NUISANCE PETS. Pets that exhibit aggressive behavior or cause a public nuisance to neighbors through noise, smell, personal threat, or other undesirable behavior will not be allowed to remain on JBER. Aggressive behavior is indicated by any of the following: (i) unprovoked barking, growling or snarling at people approaching the animal, (ii) aggressively running along a fence line when people are present, (iii) biting or scratching people, or (iv) escaping confinement or restriction to chase people. If you have concerns regarding a nuisance or aggressive pet, please contact Security Forces at 552-3421.

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