



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON WIESBADEN
UNIT 29623
APO AE 09005-9623

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09 July 2012

MEMORANDUM FOR All Members of the USAG Wiesbaden Community

SUBJECT: US Army Garrison Wiesbaden Command Policy Letter 15, Pet Ownership Responsibilities in Government Quarters

1. References:

- a. Army Regulation 420-1, Army Facilities Management, 27 May 2009.
- b. AE Supplement 1 to AR 420-1, Army Facilities Management, 20 November 2008.

2. Purpose: To provide guidance and policy for pet ownership responsibilities for all military and civilian personnel, including Family members who bring their pets on property or into facilities under control and administration of the USAG Wiesbaden.

3. Applicability: This policy applies to all military and civilian personnel assigned to or visiting the USAG Wiesbaden community.

4. Policy

a. Pet ownership brings great joy to many people in our community. It also brings several responsibilities. Pet ownership in government quarters is a privilege, subject to revocation in specific instances of policy violation.

b. Pets will be on a leash when outside of government quarters. All pets, when outside of quarters, will be accompanied by the owner or his or her responsible representative capable of controlling the pet. Young children under the age of twelve without adult supervision may be considered incapable of controlling the pet. Any dog that has the tendency to attack people or other animals will be muzzled and kept on a short leash when out of quarters. Victims and pet owners involved in biting incidents must report the incident to the military police.

c. Pets will be exercised (walked or run on a leash) outside of the immediate vicinity of the housing area, and a minimum of fifty feet away from residential buildings and signed playgrounds.

d. Dogs and cats will not be allowed to relieve themselves on balconies or playgrounds, or within fifty feet of residential buildings. Pet owners will clean up excrement from their pets. Pet owners are responsible for carrying the means and supplies needed for immediate pet toileting clean up and disposal.

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e. Pets will not be housed or locked in or on balconies, in basement or attic storage rooms, common areas or building playrooms. Pets will not be tied to stair railings, pipes, shrubbery or trees in or around family quarters.

f. Pets will be fed only in the Soldier's apartment, not on landings or in stairwells.

g. No more than two dogs or cats or a combination thereof are authorized per dwelling unit. Other domestic pets, including goldfish, hamsters and birds, may be kept in Army Family housing. Barnyard animals or exotic pets, such as snakes, lizards and tarantulas are prohibited. Permission to house more than two pets, or pets other than those specified, will be requested in writing through the housing office as an exception to policy (ETP) for approval of the garrison commander.

h. Owners must register their dog or cat with the post veterinary clinic within two weeks after acquiring the pet or the arrival of the pet at the sponsor's duty station. The owner must present evidence of the pet's current vaccinations at the time of registration, maintain a record, and update required vaccinations, as necessary. Pet owners must ensure that their pet's rabies tags are worn all the times.

i. In accordance with host nation laws, the following class I canines are prohibited from entering Germany, and are prohibited from residing in government controlled quarters. Any mix breeds containing bloodlines of class I canines are also classified as class I canines.

(1) Pit Bull Terrier.

(2) Bull Terrier.

(3) American Staffordshire Terrier.

(4) Staffordshire Bull Terrier

j. There are specific restrictions regarding class II canines. For a list of these breeds and additional information regarding class I or II canines, personnel should contact the community veterinary clinic. The chain of command will ensure assigned personnel adhere to host nation regulations concerning class I canines.

k. Residents may be subject to immediate loss of pet privileges if:

(1) A dog is found to be a prohibited breed.

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(2) A dog physically appears to be a class I canine, and the owners are unable to prove the dog is an allowable breed.

(3) A dog shows aggression to the extent the garrison commander determines it is a danger to the community.

(4) Excessive barking or noise from pets left in vacant apartments or fenced in yards. Pets must be controlled in such a manner so that they do not become a public nuisances.

l. The owner is liable for animal abandonment or animal disposal by inhumane means. Animal maltreatment may result in disciplinary action. Pet owners may be liable under Army regulations and/ or host nation civil laws, for any damage to property or injury to persons caused by an animal, whether the animal is in the owner's possession, lost, or abandoned. Liability insurance is recommended for all pets. In cases where owners of pets are negligent in the care or supervision of their pets, immediate action may be taken to determine if it is necessary to have the Soldier and/or pet or pets removed from government housing.

m. Breeding pets and the construction and maintenance of kennel-type operations are prohibited in government-controlled housing.

n. All community members are encouraged to help keep their buildings, sidewalks, yards, and playgrounds cleaned of pet excrement which can create various hazards. Any individual who witnesses a violation of this pet policy should attempt to correct the violator when possible, and report any person who fails to comply with this policy to stairwell or building coordinator. While the following are basic guidelines for failure to abide by this policy, the garrison commander has the discretion to prescribe an alternate penalty if necessary to address the particular facts and circumstances of the infraction:

(1) First infraction – The Sponsor will receive a written warning by the DPW Housing Office.

(2) Second infraction – The Unit Commander will be notified of the violation with his/her second written warning.

(3) Third infraction – The Sponsor and his/her Chain of Command will report to the garrison CSM. The Sponsor will be counseled for failure to obey an order or regulation (Article 92 UCMJ). He or she may receive order to perform community service hours.

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(4) Fourth infraction – Sponsor may receive a letter of reprimand (LOR) or order to perform community service hours by the garrison Commander and possibly lose pet privileges or housing entitlement.

5. Point of contact for this memo is Mr. Donald Meyer, Chief, Housing Division, who may be reached at DSN 337-5556 / CIV 0611-705-5556, or via email: donald.h.meyer3.civ@mail.mil.



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