



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
US ARMY INSTALLATION MANAGEMENT COMMAND
HEADQUARTERS, UNITED STATES ARMY GARRISON, FORT DRUM
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SUBJECT: Garrison Policy Memorandum #08-10, Mandatory Pet Micro-Chipping and Pet Control

1. References:

a. Department of the Army Agreement on the Pet Policy for Privatized Housing under the Army's Residential Communities Initiative (RCI) Privatization Program, dated 5 January 2009.

b. Army Regulation 49-905, Veterinary Health Services, 16 August 1994, which dictates all local facts concerning animal disease prevention and control, Veterinary and Provost Marshal roles and installation requirements on particular animal matters.

c. 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) and Fort Drum Regulation 40-6, Control of Animals and Communicable Diseases of Animals, dated 15 October 1992.

2. This policy applies to all personnel assigned or attached to Fort Drum and their respective Family members occupying privatized or Government controlled/leased housing. Pet ownership is a privilege.

3. Residents are limited to a total of two dogs or cats per household. Breeds (including mixed breeds) deemed "aggressive or potentially aggressive" are not permitted unless the dog is a certified military working dog that is being boarded by its handler/trainer. The following breeds are deemed aggressive or potentially aggressive: Pit Bulls (American Staffordshire Bull Terriers or English Staffordshire Bull Terriers), Rottweilers, Doberman Pinschers, Chows, and wolf hybrids. Any other dog that demonstrates a propensity for dominance or aggressive behavior is indicated by any of the following types of conduct:

- a. Unprovoked barking, growling or snarling at people approaching the animal.
- b. Aggressively running along fence lines when people are present.
- c. Biting or scratching people.
- d. Escaping confinement or restriction to chase people.

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4. All newly assigned personnel arriving with privately owned dogs and cats will register their respective animal(s) at the veterinary treatment facility within three days of assignment to Army Community Housing or Fort Drum Mountain Community Homes (FDMCH). All pets will be micro-chipped at a nominal cost per animal. Failure to comply with mandatory pet micro-chipping will result in the owner being notified in writing through their respective chain of command. Failure to comply after written notification will result in the animal(s) seizure by appropriate authority. Cat and dog owners may be requested to provide verification of appropriate immunization along with pet registration to FDMCH.

5. Pet owners have the inherent responsibility to control their pets. Specifically:

- a. Control pets from wandering unsupervised and unleashed in common areas.
- b. Control pets from menacing behavior such as chasing vehicles, bikes or pedestrians; prolonged barking or howling; biting people or other animals or habitual straying.
- c. Voice command is not an acceptable means of control. Pets are not allowed in playgrounds or tot lots at any time.
- d. Pets must not prevent or obstruct employees or associates of FDMCH from properly performing their functions, duties and responsibilities.
- e. Courteous cleaning up after your pet immediately in common use areas and daily on the premises where the pet is housed.
- f. Control pets from digging on any premises or in common areas.
- g. Maintain appropriate, humane care of pets (e.g., food, water, shelter from extreme weather, etc.).
- h. Wild, exotic or farm animals are prohibited.
- i. Pets are not to be tied or staked outside the home or any building on Fort Drum. Additionally, animals are not allowed in the Fort Drum work place.
- j. All Fort Drum Soldiers must have their dogs licensed with the town where they reside. If you live on Fort Drum, pets must be licensed in the Town of Leray.

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k. Guide dog regulations will have exceptions to some of the rules as defined by Title 40, U.S.C., Section 291.

6. Failure to comply with this policy could result in loss of pet ownership privileges while living in privatized or Government controlled/leased housing. Additionally, if pet owners abandon or fail to properly care for or control their pets, they can face administrative actions from the Garrison Commander, penalties and fines from FDMCH and criminal charges.

7. For additional information on vet micro-chipping, contact the Fort Drum Veterinary clinic at 772-4262.



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