



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
1ST SPECIAL OPERATIONS WING (AFSOC)
HURLBURT FIELD FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM FOR INCOMING BASE HOUSING RESIDENTS

FROM: 1 SOCES/CEAC

SUBJECT: Pets in Base Housing

1. Effective 28 Mar 11, residents may not board dogs of any breed (including a mixed breed) that are deemed “aggressive or potentially aggressive”. 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

a. 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.

b. 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.

c. 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.

d. 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.

e. Operating a commercial kennel is prohibited.

f. For government controlled housing, the Installation Commander retains the authority to determine the number and type of pets allowed per household and termination of residency for failure to remove aggressive or unruly pets. 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.

2. I have read and understand the above policy concerning pets in base housing. Failure to adhere to this policy will require pets to be removed from the resident at the owner’s expense or termination from base housing.

(Print Name)

(Sign/Date)