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SUBJECT: Animal Prohibition in Military Family Housing (HQ AFSPC/A7CH Policy P06014H)

1. Due to increasing incidents involving aggressive animals, AFSPC is establishing policy to prohibit certain animals in military family housing on our installations. The attached language is effective immediately and shall be included in your housing brochure upon next update. If brochures have recently been published, recommend a letter containing prohibition language be given to housing residents and published through your Public Affairs Office. A synopsis of research and statistical data on aggressive breeds is provided as Atch 2.

2. Owners of prohibited animals who currently reside on-base will be grandfathered with the following conditions until resident terminates housing. If a resident does not comply, termination procedures shall be initiated in accordance with AFI 32-6001 *Family Housing Management*, paragraph 7.2.5.

a. Residents may not acquire any additional prohibited animals and will not breed the animals they have.

b. Any prohibited dog shall be banned immediately if there is any instance of aggression, to include escaping from member's yard.

c. Any prohibited dog shall be on a leash and muzzled when outside a fenced yard.

d. Owners of any prohibited dog shall acquire renters insurance which provides liability for pet's actions and provide proof of insurance to the Housing Office within 45 days of date of this policy. The amount of insurance will not be less than \$100,000. For your information, the average monthly cost for renters insurance is approximately \$13 (based on \$250 deductible, \$20,000 for contents and \$300,000 liability).

3. Mission Support Group (MSG) Commanders should review attached policy prior to implementation. Policy should be disseminated to subordinate staff via MSG cover letter reiterating the importance of this policy. Our point of contact is Ms. Sam Adams, HQ AFSPC/A7CHO, DSN 692-5404, E-mail Sam.Adams@Peterson.af.mil.

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Attachments:

1. Animal Prohibition Policy
2. Facts on Aggressive Breeds

## AFSPC ANIMAL PROHIBITION POLICY

Animals Prohibited in Family Housing Areas located on Air Force Space Command bases:

- Animals banned by state and federal laws.
- Wild, exotic, or undomesticated animals (e.g., forest/jungle beasts, potbellied pigs, or other wildlife). The following pets are prohibited: raccoons, opossums, skunks, groundhogs, bats, squirrels, wolves and wild carnivores. The base veterinarian will investigate questionable cases and advise the Mission Support Group Commander, who will make the final decision whether a given animal is in a prohibited classification.
- Poisonous reptiles or large constrictor-type snakes.
- Hoofed animals, except when kept in a designated base areas and which qualify as riding, draft, or show animals. An exception to this provision in an area where grazing rights are granted by the Mission Support Group Commander.
- Pit bull breeds of dogs (American pit bull terrier, Staffordshire bull terrier, American Staffordshire bull terrier, etc.) and Rottweilers. Any dog which is a percentage of pit bull or rottweiler, up to half-breed dogs of these types are also prohibited. The inbred aggressive nature of this breed creates a safety hazard. Pit bull and rottweiler owners residing off base will be allowed access to the base veterinarian clinic.

## FACTS ON AGGRESSIVE BREEDS

- On 22 Feb 06, the four-year old nephew of an active duty technical sergeant assigned to the 341<sup>st</sup> Mission Support Squadron, Malmstrom AFB, Montana, was severely injured by a Rottweiler dog belonging to the active duty member. The child subsequently died on 23 Feb from wounds inflicted by the Rottweiler dog.
- On 7 Mar 06, a two-year old female dependent of two senior airmen assigned to Malmstrom AFB, Montana, allegedly stepped on a Rottweiler-Blood Hound mixed-breed dog and subsequently received a bite to the right side of her head. She received approximately 15 stitches to the eye and ear region of the right side of her face.
- According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention and the American Veterinary Medical Association dog attacks cause 4.5 million injuries annually, 800,000 which require medical attention. Pit Bulls and Rottweilers account for over half of these deaths.  
[http://www.americanhumane.org/site/PageServlet?pagename=nr\\_fact\\_sheets\\_animal\\_dog...](http://www.americanhumane.org/site/PageServlet?pagename=nr_fact_sheets_animal_dog...)
- The breeds that the CDC considers highest risk for biting injuries are Pit Bulls, Rottweilers, German Shepherds, Siberian Huskies, Alaskan Malamutes, Doberman Pinschers, Chows, Great Danes, St. Bernards and Akitas.  
[http://www.americanhumane.org/site/PageServlet?pagename=nr\\_fact\\_sheets\\_animal\\_dog...](http://www.americanhumane.org/site/PageServlet?pagename=nr_fact_sheets_animal_dog...)
- According to the Dog Bite Legal Center, Rottweilers and Pit Bulls were involved in 60 percent of the 27 dog bite fatalities that occurred in 1997 and 1998. Rottweilers were involved in 10 deaths, and Pit Bulls were involved in 6.  
<http://www.dogbitelegalcenter.com/resources/dogbite-statistice.html>
- From 1979 through 1998, at least 25 breeds of dogs have been involved in 238 human dog bite related deaths. Pit Bulls and Rottweilers were involved in more that 50 percent of these deaths.  
<http://www.dogbitelegalcenter.com/resources/dogbite-statistice.html>
- In April 2005, the city of Denver, Colorado won its right to ban Pit Bulls from the city and county of Denver. The Denver law was declared constitutional and was enacted after several unprovoked attacks by Pit Bulls, some of which were fatal. The Denver Pit Bull law prohibits any person from owning, possessing, keeping, exercising control over, maintaining, harboring, or selling a Pitt Bull in the city and county of Denver. The city defines a Pit Bull as any dog that is an American Pit Bull terrier, American Staffordshire terrier, Staffordshire bull terrier, or any dog displaying the majority of physical traits of any one or more of these breeds.  
<http://www.thedenverchannel.com/print/4362515/detail.html>

8.1. Pets will be kept in a well-ventilated area with ample lighting. Pets must have adequate protection while outside from inclement weather or sunlight.

8.2. Pets must be provided good food that is free of contamination, fed at least once a day unless otherwise directed by a veterinarian; food and surrounding areas maintained; provided fresh drinking water daily.

8.3. Owners must ensure cleanliness of pets and surrounding areas. Excreta dropped by pets will be removed daily to minimize disease hazards and reduce odors including when dogs are taken for walks. Failure to comply with this provision can result in the pet being declared a nuisance and subsequently being removed from the base.

8.4. Doghouses are prohibited.

8.5. Owners will not leave a pet unattended in an outside fenced area. This guidance will ensure pets are protected from inclement weather and will eliminate the possibility of the pet creating a nuisance to other residents.

#### **9. Animals, Reptiles, and Birds Prohibited on Scott AFB.**

9.1. Animals, reptiles, and birds banned by state and federal laws.

9.2. Wild, exotic, or undomesticated animals (e.g., forest/jungle beasts, potbellied pigs, or other wildlife). The following pets are prohibited: raccoons, opossums, skunks, groundhogs, bats, squirrels, and wild carnivores. The Base Veterinarian will investigate questionable cases and advise 375 MSG/CC, who will make the final decision if a wildlife, exotic, or undomesticated animal is prohibited.

9.3. Poisonous reptiles or large constrictor-type snakes.

9.4. Animals kept for profit or gain. This instruction does not include the normal procreation of any kind, sale of offspring, or fees from breeding a pet. Questionable cases will be investigated by the Base Veterinarian, who will advise the 375 MSG/CC or 375 MSG/CD on the final disposition.

9.5. The provisions for fowl (other than small-caged birds) apply (paragraph 6. of this instruction). Aviaries are not permitted.

9.6. Hoofed animals, except when kept in a designated base area and which qualify as riding, draft, or show animals. An exception to this provision is an area where grazing rights are granted by the 375 MSG/CC.

9.7. Pit bull breed dogs (American pit bull terrier, Staffordshire bull terrier, American Staffordshire bull terrier, etc.). The inbred aggressive nature of this breed creates a potentially dangerous safety hazard. Pit bull owners residing off base will be allowed access to the VTF.

#### **10. Disposal of Dead Animals Found on Scott AFB.**

10.1. In accordance with SAFBI 32-1002, *Pest Management Program*, paragraph 2.7, it is the responsibility of the owner to remove dead domesticated animals in military family housing (MFH). Individuals can contact the Base Veterinary Services for guidance on the proper disposal of the domesticated animal (VTF can cremate pets up to 50 lbs). Pest Management does not remove or dispose of MFH pets.

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Good day all,  
Here is an excerpt from our 90 SWPAM 32-12 (Housing - We Care) Pamphlet. Hope you find it of some use.

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5.1.3. Pet Policy: The keeping of pets on a United States Air Force Base is a privilege, not a right. The 90th Mission Support Group Commander permits keeping animals as pets; however, you are limited to two cats or dogs, or a combination of the two. Exceptions require prior approval by 90 MSG/CC. These animals will not have an impact on mission effectiveness, will not become a nuisance to other base residents, and will be adequately cared for and controlled. Rules and Regulations regarding Control of Pets and Stray Animals are located in **90 SWI 31-3, Control of Pets and Stray Animals**.

5.1.3.1. Restrictions and Limitations:

5.1.3.1.1. Farm (such as chickens, pigs, etc.), ranch, or wild animals are prohibited.

5.1.3.1.2. Potentially aggressive animals (rottweilers, mastiffs, pit bulls, etc.) must be limited since potential injury to people is more common (90 MSG/CC approval is required for these type of animals and will be on a case-by-case basis).

5.1.3.1.3. No poisonous or constrictor type reptiles will be allowed. Other reptiles and birds of any type must be securely caged. All pets other than cats or dogs must have prior approval from 90 MSG/CC before they will be allowed in family housing.

5.1.3.1.4. Keep un-spayed females in isolation during their heat period. Breeding or raising animals in military family housing for shows or

commercial purposes is prohibited unless approved by 90 MSG/CC. You cannot breed or raise pets on base as a business. The operation of a commercial type kennel in government quarters is prohibited.

#### 5.1.3.2. Pet Owners' Responsibilities:

5.1.3.2.1. Pet owners must register all pets. You will present your pet's records to the Veterinary Clinic, building 285, within 7 days after arrival on base. Contact the Veterinary Clinic, 773-3354, if the pet dies, is sold, or is given away. You will ensure your pets have a current rabies vaccination with accompanying certificate. Have the pet wear a collar or harness with the owner's name and a rabies tag on it.

5.1.3.2.2. Pet owners must keep their pets under control and reasonably quiet at all times. Keep pets from creating a nuisance by loud barking, digging, or other similar actions that damage government property. Owners are liable for any damage done by their pets. Keep pets from interfering with the work of any personnel. Pets cannot be leashed to any part of the housing unit, trees, utility lines or poles, gas lines, outside faucets, garages, privacy fences, or near sidewalks/front/back doors.

5.1.3.2.3. Keep pets housed, fed, and safeguarded. This includes providing proper shelter made of solid construction, painted, and of neat appearance; protection from the weather; food, and water. Ensure that fenced-in yards or areas around the quarters used by pets are policed daily and are not allowed to become an eyesore. You are responsible for all damage caused by your pet, to include yard damages.

5.1.3.2.4. When pets are walked, clean up any droppings deposited by the animal.

5.1.3.2.5. Contact the LE Desk when a pet escapes from control. Stray pets, problem pets, or pets escaping owner's control should be reported to the LE Desk, 773-3501. Stray pets will be picked up and taken to the Cheyenne Animal Shelter where owners may retrieve them. All costs associated with sheltering will be the responsibility of the owner.

#### 5.1.3.3. Improperly Controlled Pets:

5.1.3.3.1. If your pet is causing problems, 90 MSG/CC may order the pet removed from the base or, in extreme cases, may order a family to move off base. It would be a shame to lose your pet or your housing privileges because your pet was not properly controlled. Housing residents who own pets causing problems on base will receive one warning memorandum. If a second incident occurs, you may be asked to remove your pet from the base. Any incident of a pet inflicting injury will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, and must include an animal temperament test performed and documented by a licensed veterinarian. Our greatest concern is that a child might be seriously injured, disfigured, or maimed because of an animal bite or attack.