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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: United States Army Garrison, Fort Irwin and the National Training Center Policy #5, Control of and Care for Privately Owned Animals on Fort Irwin.

1. Purpose: Establish an installation pet control policy on Fort Irwin outlines pet owner responsibilities, and the process to deal with non-compliance.

2. Applicability: This policy applies to all personnel on Fort Irwin

3. Punitive Policy: This policy letter constitutes a lawful order issued by the Commander, United States Army Garrison and Fort Irwin. Violations of this policy may result in punitive action against Service Members under the Uniform Code of Military Justice and adverse administrative action against both Service Members, Civilians (including contractors), and Family members on the installation.

4. References:

a. DA Policy Letter, Pet Policy for Privatized Housing Under the Army's Residential Communities Initiative (RCI) Privatization Program, 5 January 2009.

b. San Bernardino County Development Code-Chapter 84.04 animal keeping, private kennels.

5. Background:

a. Maintaining privately owned animals (hereinafter "pets") on the installation is a privilege, not a right. Exercising and retaining this privilege depends on the animals' ability to live harmoniously within the community.

b. The Garrison Commander is tasked with maintaining morale, welfare, good order and discipline on the installation and has the inherent authority to take action necessary to avert danger or threats to the installation. In accordance with this mission and authority, the Garrison Commander may direct the permanent removal of any animal from the installation if the animal is a threat to the health and safety of persons and/or other animals or is a public nuisance.

6. Policy:

a. All pets must be registered at the Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF) within 10 days of acquisition or arrival at Fort Irwin

b. The breeding or raisin of animals for commercial purposes and/or profit is prohibited on the installation.

c. All personnel on Fort Irwin, including visitors, must adhere and comply with the following requirements:

(1) Comply with all applicable state, federal, and local laws and all installation specific requirements associated with the ownership, registration, control and vaccination of pets. (Reg: San Bernardino County Developmental Code Chapter 84.04 animal keeping)

(2) May not possess or board on the installation any dog of a breed (including a mixed breed) that is deemed "aggressive or potentially aggressive" unless the dog is a certified military working dog that is being boarded by its handler/trainer. For purposed of this policy, "aggressive or potentially aggressive" breeds of dogs are defined as Pitt Bulls (America Staffordshire Bull Terriers or English Staffordshire Bull Terriers), Rottweiler, Doberman Pinchers, Chows and wolf hybrids.

(3) Prohibition also extends to other dogs that demonstrate a propensity for dominant or aggressive behavior as indicated by any of the following types of conduct: (Reg: DA Policy Letter, Pet Policy for Privatized Housing Under the Army's residential Communities Initiative (RCI) Privatization Program, 5 January 2009)

(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; or

(d) Escaping confinement or restriction to chase people.

d. Pets must be kept under control at all times by a leash held by a person. The only exception is if the pet is secured inside of the owner's residence, fenced-yard, vehicle (accompanied by person), or travel cage. Should the pet be located outside one of the above mentioned secured areas, the owner will be held responsible for failing to keep and maintain control of the pet.

e. All animals that are found not under the immediate control of the owner will be taken to the VTF and processed.

(1) First Offense. The VTF will verify proper animal requirement of shots and registration and the owner will receive a warning of possible future consequence. Pinnacle Housing will also be notified to verify proper housing registration.

(2) Second Offense. The Fort Irwin Police Department will issue a citation for failure to control animal. In addition, the sponsor's chain of command will be notified, and the owner will receive another warning of possible future consequences.

(3) Third Offense. The Fort Irwin Police Department will issue another citation and the Garrison Commander will direct the animal to be permanently removed from the installation.

f. Regardless of prior offenses, the Garrison Commander may direct any animal that exhibits a threat to the health or safety of persons and/or be removed from the installation. While subject to the discretion of the Garrison Commander, examples of this type of animal behavior include, but are not limited to, attacking, or attempting to attack a person or another animal, or by acting in a threat manner such as growling.

g. Animals are not allowed in public buildings except those facilities designed for their use or care i.e..dog park etc...Additionally, animals are not allowed at any public event, indoors or outdoors, unless the event directly specifies that certain animals are authorized. Certified animals, such as "seeing eye dogs," "rehabilitation dogs," and "hearing dogs" are authorized as long as they are kept under control.

7. The proponent for this policy letter is Residential Communities Initiative (RCI) at 380-4310.

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FORT IRWIN PROHIBITED DOG LIST

"CHOWS" Regardless of color

DOBERMAN PINCHERS ROTTWEILER

PITTBULLS WOLF HYBRIDS