



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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WHITEMAN AIR FORCE BASE, MISSOURI

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL WHITEMAN AFB MILITARY PERSONNEL, CIVILIAN
EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS, DEPENDENTS AND VISITORS

FROM: 509 BW/CC

SUBJECT: Installation Pet Policy

1. All individuals on Whiteman Air Force Base (WAFB) are subject to the rules and directives under AFI 32-6000. The purpose of this memorandum is to clarify existing policy and establish procedures for privately-owned pets on WAFB, to include military and civilian residents with service animals or emotional support animals (ESAs).
2. **Prohibited Breeds:** Pursuant to paragraph 2.21.1 of AFI 32-6000, the following dog breeds (including mixed breeds) are prohibited on WAFB, except as provided in paragraph 3 or for the limited purpose of obtaining medical care at the base veterinary clinic: Chow, Doberman Pinscher, Pit Bull, American Staffordshire Bull Terrier, English Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Rottweiler, wolf hybrids of any kind, and any other dog breed with dominant traits geared toward aggression. This prohibition also extends to individual dogs which demonstrate a propensity for dominant or aggressive behavior, to include: (1) unprovoked barking, growling, or snarling at people approaching the dog; (2) aggressively running along a fence line when people are present; (3) biting or scratching people; or (4) escaping confinement or restriction to chase people.
3. **Exceptions:** Before the owner of a prohibited breed becomes a resident of privatized housing, or if they are currently a resident, they must first obtain an exception to this policy from 509 MSG/CC, in addition to receiving approval from Whiteman Family Homes (WFH). Exceptions may be granted for trained service animals and, in certain cases, for qualifying ESAs.
 - a. **Service Animals:** Only dogs are recognized as service animals under Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. § 12101 et seq. A service animal is a dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability. Proper service animal identification must be clearly displayed. In all cases, the owner is responsible for the care and supervision of his or her animal, as well as its adherence to installation policies. Under the ADA, service animals must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered, unless these devices interfere with the service animal's work or the individual's disability prevents using these devices. In that case, the individual must maintain control of the animal through voice, signal or other effective controls. The animal may be impounded or the owner may be ordered to remove it from the installation if the dog is out of control and the handler does not take effective action to control it.

- b. **Emotional Support Animal:** ESAs warranting consideration for an exception to policy will, pursuant to the Fair Housing Act (FHA), 42 U.S.C. § 3601 et seq, require the owner

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to present evidence of a prescribed ESA treatment plan within the last 12 months from a qualified medical professional. A qualified medical professional must have the appropriate level of education and be licensed by a recognized board under the authority of the federal government or a U.S. state or territory. Additionally, such medical professional must be qualified to make mental health diagnoses under the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders and must have the authority to prescribe medications for patients under their treatment. In the event of an exception being granted to an ESA that is a prohibited breed, that ESA must remain muzzled and on a leash or harness whenever it is outside of the home or enclosed area of the resident's yard.

c. Military personnel who have a documented ESA based on off-base mental health provider evaluations must coordinate that evaluation through the 509 MDG Mental Health Flight prior to bringing the animal on base. Military mental health providers will independently assess the need for an ESA as part of an approved medical treatment plan for any military member, such that they can advise military commanders of any duty limitations, or any recommendations for additional evaluation or treatment.

d. To help ensure that necessary medical resources are readily available, military members who have dependents with a documented need for an ESA must complete DD Form 2792 to initiate the process for evaluation and possible enrollment of dependents in the Exceptional Family Member Program.

4. Residents of WFH must register all dogs and cats with the base veterinary clinic, and comply with all WAFB and WFH policies regarding pet registration, to include the WFH Pet Addendum.

5. Whether it be a non-prohibited breed or a prohibited breed permitted on base because of an exception to policy, pet owners must control their pets and keep them from threatening or injuring any person or other pet, destroying property, or otherwise creating any public nuisance or disturbance. Owners are strictly liable for property damage and injury to persons and other pets caused by their pets. Pets on WAFB must be controlled by a suitable leash, harness, kennel or cage when outside the home, enclosed yard, or designated dog park; as noted above, an ESA that is a prohibited breed must also remain muzzled when outside the home or enclosed area of the resident's yard.

6. A pet found running loose is evidence that the owner is not properly controlling the pet. 509 SFS may impound loose pets. Impounded animals may be held at the stray animal facility (Bldg 1732), but this facility is not a "holding kennel" for pets of personnel on leave or away on temporary duty. If the owner cannot be identified or contacted within a 48-hour holding period, the animal may be transported to a local animal shelter on the next business day.

7. 509 SFS will investigate all reports of animal bites or scratches occurring on WAFB. If the animal owner is a WFH resident, 509 SFS will notify WFH and 509 CES Military Housing Office (MHO) within five duty days of the incident. As part of the investigation, 509 SFS will provide a blank DD Form 2341, Animal Bite Report-Potential Rabies Exposure, to any victim. If a person is treated for an animal bite or scratch on base, the treating medical provider will

assist the individual in filling out the DD Form 2341, and the form will be completed by 509 MDG Public Health.

8. If an animal that does not have a current rabies vaccination bites or scratches an individual, the base veterinarian will quarantine the animal for ten days, after which the animal will have a rabies vaccine administered. Quarantine will be at the owner's expense, at an approved facility chosen by the veterinary clinic. An animal with a current rabies vaccination that bites or scratches an individual with a current rabies vaccination may be quarantined at the owner's residence, or as otherwise directed by the base veterinarian, until resolution of the incident. While quarantined, no one outside immediate family may have contact with the animal until resolution, and the animal may not leave the home or enclosed yard. Whether vaccinated or not, the animal will be required, at the owner's expense, to be presented for a pre-quarantine exam and a 10-day post-quarantine exam. WFH may also choose to take action in accordance with provisions of the resident's lease. Failure to obey a quarantine restriction may result in automatic forfeiture of all installation/WFH pet privileges.

9. Whenever an animal causes a serious incident, 509 MSG/CC will review the incident along with any records from previous incidents involving that same animal, and may direct removal of the animal from the installation. When the 509 MSG/CC orders removal, the animal must be removed from the installation within 24 hours.

10. This policy is effective immediately. All personnel assigned to WAFB and residents of WFH are expected to be familiar with and comply with this memorandum and WFH's Pet Addendum to Lease. Failure to do so could result in pets being ordered removed from the installation. Please direct any questions regarding exceptions to this policy to the MHO.


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