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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy Letter #29; Pets in Army Lodging Facilities (ALF)

1. **Effective Date.** This policy letter remains in effect until superseded or rescinded.
2. **Scope.** This policy letter is applicable to all USAG Grafenwoehr Soldiers, DA civilians, local national employees, or Family Members.
3. **Policy.** Residents of Army Lodging Facilities are responsible for maintaining and controlling their pets. The privilege to maintain an animal is granted to residents based on the owner's ability to be responsible. This privilege may be withdrawn if the pet displays a threat to the health or safety of personnel, becomes a nuisance, or the pet owner fails to be responsible.
 - a. No more than two dogs or cats or combination thereof are authorized per guest unit. Other domestic pets, including goldfish, hamsters, and birds, may be kept in ALF. Exotic pets (for example, snakes) are prohibited.
 - b. Owners are required to register their pets with the post veterinary clinic within 2 weeks after acquiring the pet or the arrival of the pet at their permanent command. The owner must present evidence of the pet's current vaccinations (to include rabies) at the time of registration, maintain a record, and update required vaccinations, as necessary. A vaccinated animal will receive a rabies tag that will be worn by the animal at all times.
 - c. Guests and their spouses will ensure that pets are controlled so that they do not become a public nuisance or menace. Animals that habitually bite, scratch, attack, or otherwise threaten people without provocation are a community health menace and will not be allowed in ALF. A severe incident (for example, an animal that has attacked an individual) is cause for removal of the offending animal, regardless of the number of prior incidents.
 - d. Pet owners residing in ALF are subject to host-nation (HN) laws governing the treatment of pets. HN law and USAREUR policy prohibit the inhumane or abusive treatment of animals. Inhumane or abusive treatment is defined as any act or omission whereby an animal's physical or psychological well-being is compromised unnecessarily. Punishment for violation of HN law may be in the form of fines or actual removal of the pet from the owner's possession. In cases where owners are negligent in pet care or supervision, immediate action will be taken to have the pet removed from the area, when appropriate.

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e. HN law imposes absolute liability on the animal's owner or keeper for damages to public or private property and personal injury. Liability insurance for pets is recommended.

f. Breeding pets and the construction and maintenance of kennel-type operations are prohibited in ALF.

g. When outside the owner's guest room, animals will be kept on a leash and will be accompanied by an individual capable of controlling the pet. Young children under the age of 12 without adult supervision will be considered incapable of controlling the pet.

h. Dogs and cats will not be allowed to relieve themselves on balconies, playgrounds, or within 50 feet of the ALF buildings. Pet owners will clean up excrement from their pets. Building 214 and 228 have a pet-station available. This area is a designate pet-walk area. Residents who are pet owners will be responsible for maintaining these areas.

i. Pets will not be:

- (1) Tied to stair railings, radiators, pipes, shrubbery, or trees.
- (2) Kept in fenced playgrounds where children may congregate.
- (3) Allowed on balconies unattended.
- (4) Housed or locked in storerooms, attics, or basement rooms in the lodging facility.
- (5) Allowed in laundry rooms.

j. Owners who abandon their pets are subject to action under the Uniform Code of Military Justice and are responsible for all costs incurred by the Government in relation to the transfer, care, custody and final disposition of the animal. During extended absence (for example, temporary duty, deployment, leave), pet owners must make arrangements for the care of their pets. Pets will not be left unattended in guest rooms for an extended period of time. They must be in a kennel-box in order to receive room-service. Please utilize the appropriate signs that are available to you in your room.

k. Complaints or improper control of pets will be reported to the military police (MP). The MP will investigate complaints and, when appropriate, send an MP report to the USAG Commander for action. USAREUR Spl 1 to AR 210-50 (16 May 2002), Page 69.

l. A sanitation inspection (health and welfare) may be conducted on any guest room alleged by verbal complaint to be substandard in cleanliness, odorous, or where a pet has apparently been abandoned (this suppl, para 8-11). Entry into the quarters will be in the presence of the sponsor or an adult Family Member unless immediate entry is required to prevent damage or destruction of Government property.


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m. Guests with pets will be notified of the operation's standard additional cleaning fee and informed of their liability regarding damage caused by the pet, responsibility to remove the pet if disrupting other guests, and requirement to keep pets in carrier cages when the guest is not in the room, especially when the housekeeper is scheduled to provide daily room service.

n. Pet owners will comply with HN and individual state laws regarding "fighting dogs."

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