



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
PACIFIC AIR FORCES

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MEMORANDUM FOR PET OWNERS IN OKINAWA FAMILY HOUSING

FROM: 718 CES/CEH (OKINAWA MILITARY FAMILY HOUSING OFFICE, KADENA)
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SUBJECT: Acknowledgement of Understanding and Agreement for Pets in Military Family Housing

1. Okinawa Family Housing has a two-pet limit; two cats, two dogs or one of each. This does not include small, caged animals such as fish or hamsters. Residents are not permitted to board exotic animals such as, but not limited to, reptiles, rodents (other than hamsters and guinea pigs), ferrets, hedgehogs, skunks, rats, raccoons, squirrels, potbellied pigs, monkeys, arachnids, or any farm animal *IAW AFI32-6000*. Families in excess of two pets must route an Exception to Policy (ETP) through their chain of command.

2. Residents may not board dogs of any breed (including a mixed breed) that are deemed "aggressive" or "potentially aggressive", unless the dog is a certified military working dog that is being boarded by its handler/trainer with written approval of the Defense Force Commander or approval is obtained by the Commander in writing. (T-0) 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 specified in *AFI32-6000 Sec 2.21.1*.

a. Residents with "aggressive" or "potentially aggressive" breeds will be required to live on-base.

3. ____ I currently do not have any pets. I understand it is my responsibility to immediately notify the Military Housing Office (MHO) of breed and type of animal if I acquire an animal after arriving on Okinawa. I also understand and acknowledge the below expectations if I choose to get a pet in the future.

4. ____ I understand I have elected to have a pet in Military Family Housing (MFH) and acknowledge the responsibilities of having a pet in Okinawa, to include the *Okinawa Family Housing Brochure* and the *Joint Service Pet Policy for All Military Family Housing (MFH) on Okinawa*.

a. I currently have _____ pets. The pets are:

(1) **PET 1:**

Type: _____ **Name:** _____ **Breed:** _____
Gender: _____ **Weight:** _____ **Color:** _____
Registration or Microchip # _____

(2) **PET 2:**

Type: _____ **Name:** _____ **Breed:** _____
Gender: _____ **Weight:** _____ **Color:** _____
Registration or Microchip # _____

5. _____ I understand that my dogs are considered an “aggressive” or “potentially aggressive” breed. I will provide, in writing, means for mitigating the risk of my dog(s) engaging in aggressive behaviors (for example, physical restraints, visual oversight, etc.).

6. _____ I understand my approval may be revoked, and my pets removed from MFH and/or Okinawa, as determined by 718 CES/CEH, if my dog(s) demonstrates any of the following behaviors:

- a. Unprovoked barking, growling, or snarling when approached by people.
- b. Aggressively running or charging a fence line when people are present.
- c. Biting or scratching people or attacking other pets.
- d. Getting free from a fenced/enclosed area or restriction and chasing people.

7. _____ I understand that if my pet(s) are removed from MFH and/or Okinawa, that I will be financially responsible for the boarding, transportation, and/or re-homing of the pet(s).

8. _____ Any damage to the Military Family Housing Unit _____ caused by the pet(s) is my financial responsibility. This includes, but not limited to, damaging carpets through chewing, pawing, or urination/defecation, damage to doors or door frames, cabinets, screen doors, walls, and any trimming in my designated unit.

9. _____ I will immediately remove and properly dispose of waste (feces) while walking my pet(s). Failure to do so may result in the removal of the animal from base and/or loss of housing privileges. All waste or litter left in pens caused by your pet(s) must be removed and properly disposed of daily.

10. _____ I understand the following:

- a. All animals owned by Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) personnel must be registered at the base veterinary clinic, maintain current vaccinations, and have individual airline carriers for traveling. Additionally, all dogs and cats must have an appropriate microchip implant. I understand when residing in MFH, it is a requirement to provide the above pet information and a picture to the MHO.

b. Travel with no more than two pets is authorized on AMC Patriot Express flights. AMC Patriot Express defines "pets" as cats and dogs only.

c. Only two pets (dogs and/or cats) will be eligible for NEO evacuation.

11. If you have any further questions, please contact the Kadena Housing Office at 634-0582.

12. By signing below, I am acknowledging that I have read, understand, and will abide by the requirements established above.



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Chief, Housing Flight

Sponsor Signature: _____

Date: _____