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COMMANDING OFFICER'S POLICY LETTER 03-12

From: Commanding Officer
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Subj: POLICY CONCERNING DOMESTIC PETS ACCOMPANIED BY RESIDENTS
ASSIGNED TO FAMILY HOUSING

Ref: (a) 28 CFR 36.104 Code of Federal Regulations,
Nondiscrimination On The Basis Of Disability By Public
Accomodations

1. The following guidelines govern pets accompanied by
residents living in family housing:

a. Registration. All dogs and cats must be registered with the Security and Emergency Services Department (SES), Domestic Animal Control, Building 770, Monday through Friday, 0700-1100. Prior to service members leasing a house on the Base, or current residents acquiring a pet, all pets must be registered by completing a pet registration lease addendum and presenting proof of a civilian or military veterinarian certificate of required vaccinations and a functioning microchip identification device to the Military Housing Office. The Military Housing Office will provide a copy of all registration documents to Domestic Animal Control and the appropriate Public Private Venture Landlord. Prospective residents will have five business days from the date of the pet addendum to present their pet to Domestic Animal Control to complete the registration process, by the issuance of a pet registration decal that will be affixed to the home. All certified service animals will also be registered with SES Animal Control.

(1) Registration must be updated annually to ensure registration is current, all required inoculations have been completed, and to ensure potentially dangerous pets are not maintained on the Base. Pet owners currently on a waitlist or current residents are required to submit proof of annual registration to the Military Housing Office.

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(2) All cats and dogs must wear a collar with the current address of the owner and a rabies inoculation tag attached to the collar. Owners of dogs and cats must have their animals implanted with a microchip identification device. The Base Veterinarian can provide this service at the owners' expense, or the owner may use a veterinarian of their choice. It is highly encouraged that all pets be spayed or neutered to prevent unplanned/unwanted litters.

b. Vaccination. Vaccination and microchip implantation services are available at the local Veterinary Treatment Facility or via commercial veterinary medical service providers, both at owners' expense.

c. Authorized Pets. Dogs, cats, fish, hamsters, caged birds, and other similar household caged animals are the only pets authorized to be kept in housing. Farm-yard animals, wild animals, domestic rabbits, ferrets and exotic pets are not allowed in government quarters. Residents may have a maximum of two dogs, or two cats, or one cat and one dog at their quarters. This includes pets that are kept for a friend/neighbor. Breeding or raising animals for commercial or any other purpose in housing is prohibited. Certified service animals are not included in the animal number restriction. Per reference (a) a service animal is individually trained to perform tasks for the benefit of the individual with a disability. Service animals must be certified through either state agencies or recognized service animal organizations (i.e. Service Dog Registry Association, etc). A more encompassing Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune Policy will be forthcoming in regard to utilization and access of Service Dogs.

d. Prohibited Canine Breeds. Full or mixed breeds of Pit Bulls, Rottweilers, and canid/wolf hybrids, or any canine breed with dominant traits of aggression that present an unreasonable risk to the health and safety of persons aboard the Base, are prohibited. In case of disputes regarding mixed breed canines, the determination by a veterinarian will be final and conclusive. Owners of prohibited canine breeds applying for housing will not be allowed to occupy quarters. Those residents that received a prohibited pets waiver during the grandfathered period will extend to 30 September 2012 or the date the occupant vacates quarters, whichever is earliest.

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e. Compliance. Failure to comply with the requirements of this policy will warrant removal of the animal from the Base. Any complaints of viciousness, nuisance, sanitation, number of pets, or harboring of a prohibited breed, if deemed to be valid by proper authority, will result in the issuance of a letter of warning or immediate removal if involved in a violent attack. A second complaint will cause the pet to be barred from the installation. Any subsequent complaints may result in a recommendation for notice of intent to evict the resident from housing.



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