



## Picerne Military Housing Pet Policy

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Picerne Military Housing is sensitive to the relations that exist between its residents and their pets. The following policy was designed to minimize health and safety issues and to protect and control animals residing in family housing. In an effort to further protect, both pets and individuals that may come into contact with authorized pets, this policy is being amended effective immediately.

### Section 1 - General

- a. Owners/sponsors are ultimately responsible for their animals' behavior, and must take measures to ensure their animals behave appropriately.

A pet owner/sponsor must control and care for their pets in a manner which is harmonious with the community. The privilege of residing in on-post housing is dependent on this ability. The Garrison Commander may terminate the pet owner/sponsor's privilege to maintain a pet on Fort Bragg for failure to comply with this policy.

### Section 2 – Policies for allowing animals in family housing areas

- a. Housing occupants will not own or maintain more than two dogs and/or cats in any combination per household.
- b. Per XVIII Airborne Corps and Fort Bragg Regulation 40-5, the following breeds are not permitted on Fort Bragg: Pit Bull, American Staffordshire Terrier, English Staffordshire Bull Terrier, Rottweiler, and Wolf or hybrids of any of these breeds. Registered/micro-chipped dogs of the breeds listed above that reside on Fort Bragg prior to the March 4, 2008 will be allowed to remain until the Owner/Sponsor moves or ownership of the animal ceases, whichever comes first.
- c. Ferrets, snakes, rodents, (skunks, raccoons, squirrels, other tree or woods-dwelling animals, etc.) and other exotic animals are not permitted in family privatized housing.
- d. Horses and other equine animals are not permitted in or on Fort Bragg Family housing.
- e. Any animals found running loose or abandoned on Fort Bragg will be impounded by Fort Bragg Veterinary Services until proper disposition can be made.

### Section 3 – Registration of Pets

- a. All pets that will be kept in homes at Fort Bragg must be registered with the Fort Bragg Veterinary Services prior to acquiring on-post housing, or within 30 days of acquisition of a new pet.
- b. The registration requirement does not apply to caged small animals, birds, or fish. Dogs and cats older than 90 days of age must be immunized and wear a Fort Bragg rabies tag. This tag will be attached to the animal's collar. The animal must wear the collar and tag at all times when the animal is outside the owner's/sponsor's home. Failure to register pets that will be kept in family housing will result in the immediate removal of the pet from the home. Neighborhood Center staff will verify removal of the pet.

- c. All dogs and cats must be enrolled in the Fort Bragg Veterinary Services microchip identification program. Concurrent with registration, pet owners will be required to show proof that their dog(s) or cat(s) is (are) enrolled. If the animal has not been micro chipped, the owner must do so within 30 days of arrival on the installation. This can be done at either the Fort Bragg Veterinary Services or at a licensed civilian veterinary clinic. Proof of micro chipping must be provided to the Fort Bragg Veterinary Services before the pet's registration is complete. Proof of proper registration must be submitted to Picerne Military Housing. This proof can be submitted to the applicable Neighborhood Center staff.
- d. Owners/sponsors must notify Fort Bragg Veterinary Services and the applicable Neighborhood Center of Picerne Military Housing of animals that have died or that they no longer own so the records can be removed from the files. Persons who have animals registered on the installation and who are departing the installation must clear through Fort Bragg Veterinary Services as well.

#### Section 4 – Responsibilities of ownership/sponsorship of animals

- a. Pets are the responsibility of the Resident. As such, owners will be liable for all damages to include carpet, doors, walls, shades, blinds, screens, appliances, and other parts of the home or community including landscaping. Pets will be controlled at all times by their owners. Such control prevents pets from becoming a nuisance or menace to other persons, animals, or property. In addition, Resident is liable for the entire amount of any injury or damage caused by such pet. **It is strongly recommended that pet owners acquire liability insurance coverage specifically naming their pet(s) as insured.** This insurance coverage will mitigate the cost of injury to third parties and/or damage to real property. The property insurance provided by Picerne covers contents of homes and does not cover liability for damages or injuries caused by pets.
- b. Pets will be housed indoors or may be secured outside the home within an approved fenced yard or in a regulation-sized kennel, which must be kept in the back yard of the home. **Fencing restrictions are noted on page 10 of the RRG. Pets in unfenced yards or on a tether or chain are not allowed.** If you elect to purchase a kennel for your pet, the following are minimum guidelines for kennel size from the Humane Society of the United States and based on the size and number of pets are:

<b>Number of Dogs</b>	<b><i>Under 50 lbs.</i></b>	<b>Over 50 lbs.</b>
<b>1</b>	6 x 10 (60 sq. feet)	8 x 10 (80 sq. feet)
<b>2</b>	8 x 10 (80 sq. feet)	8 x 12 (96 sq. feet)

Kennels must be constructed of heavy-duty chain link fencing material and each kennel must include a vinyl type cover specifically designed for the kennel purchased. Kennels may be purchased at pet supply stores such as PetSmart, etc. or other retail outlets such as the PX, Wal-Mart, etc. They can also be purchased online at pet supply warehouses. Residents that presently own pets prior to this policy's effective date will be given a three month period in which to comply with this regulation. Please visit your neighborhood center to coordinate the installation date of either your fence or kennel.

New residents are required to comply within 30 days of occupancy.

- c. Pets must receive sufficient wholesome food and adequate water in a tip-proof container. Water must be replenished several times during the day to prevent contamination and to keep the pet well hydrated.
- d. Dogs and cats are to be kept on a leash and under the owner's supervision and control at all times when outside the home or yard. Leashes will be either the retractable type, or if not retractable, no longer than 6 feet.

- e. Poop and scoop is mandatory and requires the removal of pet waste from yards, common areas, and grounds in the neighborhood. The Resident will incur charges for failure to comply, and the expense will be commensurate with the cost for a third party to remove the pet waste.
- f. Birds, gerbils, hamsters, etc. must be caged at all times.
- g. It is recommended that all dogs and cats be spayed or neutered if you have no intention to breed your pet. A neutered animal is less likely to roam and more content to stay at home. These are safe procedures when performed by a qualified veterinary professional. Families that decide to breed their pets must obtain alternative housing for the offspring after the maximum weaning period of 12 weeks of age.
- h. Do not leave pets unattended in vehicles during warm weather. If an animal is left unattended in a vehicle, the Military Police will take the necessary action to preserve and protect life. This may include entering the vehicle and possibly breaking a window to save the animal.
- i. Pets are not permitted in any recreational areas such as swimming pools, recreation centers, tennis courts, playgrounds, or any other recreational facilities including laundry rooms, offices, and clubrooms at any time. Exceptions will be made for Service Animals.
- j. Make sure pets do not make excessive disturbing noises. These noises include, but are not limited to, continued and repeated howling, barking, whining, or other utterances that cause unreasonable annoyance, disturbance, or discomfort to neighbors or others in close proximity to the premises where the animal resides.

#### **Section 5 – Procedures for Bite Incidents**

- a. Anyone seeing an animal bite or scratch incident will immediately report it to the applicable Neighborhood Center Office.
- b. All animals that bite or scratch humans are subject to mandatory 10-day quarantine as rabies suspects. Quarantine may occur at the Fort Bragg Veterinary Services Impound Facility or a private veterinary establishment (at the owner's expense). Proof of quarantine must be provided to the applicable Neighborhood Center Office.
- c. Animals involved in any biting incidents will either:
  - 1) Be removed from post.
  - 2) Be humanely euthanized if determined to be a further danger.

Control of pets is the sole responsibility of the resident, therefore, minor children should not be entrusted with this control, whether on or off the leased premises. Biting incidents are considered very serious and removal of the offending pet from family housing areas is an immediate consequence of a biting incident.

#### **Section 6 – Action required for dangerous animals and appeal procedures.**

- a. If an animal is declared dangerous by the Fort Bragg Veterinary Services, the owner/sponsor will be directed by Picerne Military Housing to remove the animal from the housing neighborhoods. This directive may be initially issued verbally and followed by a written directive within 24 hours.
- b. Pets that are deemed recurring nuisances by Picerne Military Housing will also be recommended to the Garrison Commander for immediate removal from the installation.

- c. Owner/sponsor may request a reconsideration of the Garrison Commander’s decision to remove the pet from the installation if they believe their situation would justify a modification or termination of the removal order. The Resident must submit a written Exception to Policy (ETP), within 10 working days from receipt of the GC’s order, through the chain of command to the Garrison Commander for consideration. After 10 working days, owners should expect the original order to be executed without delay.

**PET POLICY ADDENDUM**

I am in receipt of the Picerne Military Housing Pet Policy, dated November 1, 2005 and understand that I am expected to comply with all requirements contained herein.

Failure to comply with these regulations will result in the forfeiture of my rights to maintain a pet in family housing.

***Resident / Sponsor***

***Bragg Communities, LLC***

Resident Signature:	Signature:
Printed Name:	Printed Name:
Rank:                      SSN:	Title:
Title:	
Duty Phone: _____	
Unit:	
Date:	