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318. PETS. Pet ownership is a conditional privilege extended to those personnel assigned to pet eligible quarters. Responsible behavior must be exhibited in the control of pets or the privilege may be revoked. This regulation pertains to any pet kept at a residence, whether owned by the resident or not. A pet permit must be submitted and approved prior to bringing a pet into MFH. Small birds, fish, hamsters, gerbils and guinea pigs which are properly caged in a domicile designed for their habitation are allowed at all MFH sites. Breeding any animals for any purpose is prohibited.

No dogs are allowed, but two cats (spayed or neutered) are allowed in all Mid-rise and High-rise towers. Documentation of spaying or neutering is required to be provided to the Housing Office.

Two pets are permitted in all townhouses and some garden apartments. Verify with your local Housing Office if you are assigned to pet eligible quarters.

All pets are required to be registered with the local Veterinary Service and registered with the Housing Office. You must also keep your pets' shots current.

If you own a pet, you are responsible for your own flea/tick control program. You will be required to purchase fumigation products and show the empty canister(s) to the inspector at your final inspection as proof that you have treated your quarters, or provide documentation that you have contacted and paid PWC Pest Control/Contractor to prove that the quarters and grounds were treated within 30 days prior to vacating your quarters. Failure to provide required documentation/proof will result in the unit being treated by the government and the resident charged for the service. Any damage to government property or flea infestation caused by your pet will be your financial responsibility.

a. **WILD, NON-DOMESTIC OR EXOTIC ANIMALS AS PETS.** All non-domestic animals including, but not limited to: snakes, pot belly pigs, rabbits, chinchillas, chickens, ducks, lizards, ferrets, monkeys, reptiles and tarantulas are not permitted in government quarters. Raising animals of any type including birds and fish for commercial purposes is not allowed.

b. **CONDITIONS OF ANIMAL OWNERSHIP.** Animal owners or keepers must comply with the following conditions:

- (1) Animals shall be restrained or confined as required by local policy.
- (2) Animals shall be humanely treated at all times.
- (3) Vaccinations, microchips, licenses, and permits shall be obtained as required by local policy.
- (4) Animal premises shall be kept sanitary and shall not constitute a fly breeding reservoir, a source of offensive odors or of human or animal disease.
- (5) Animals and animal premises shall not be permitted to disturb the peace or constitute a public nuisance or hazard.

c. **RESTRAINT OF PETS.** When outdoors, pets must be:

- (1) In an approved fenced yard unless being walked.
- (2) On a hand-held leash when taken for a walk, under the control of a responsible person.

(3) On a daily basis pet owners will maintain their yards and adjacent areas clean and free of animal droppings. The person walking the pet(s) will pick up and properly dispose of any droppings.

(4) Pets will not be tethered, chained, or tied in front yards or on any common ground. Pets will not be tethered, chained or secured to trees, water faucets, drain spouts, or any part of the housing unit.

d. COMMITTING NUISANCE. No person shall allow a dog or cat in his or her custody to defecate or to urinate on public property or any improved private property other than that of the owner or person having control of the animal. If a violation of the above occurs, such person shall immediately remove any feces to a proper receptacle. Common grounds and public areas (i.e., athletic fields, playgrounds and parks) shall not be used as dog exercise areas or dog runs.

e. AUTHORIZATION TO KEEP PETS. Authorization to keep pets will be rescinded when:

(1) The pet(s) becomes a nuisance to neighbors because of noise, odor, sanitation, misbehavior, or grounds condition.

(2) If you fail to control and maintain the pet(s) as required herein.

f. STRAY/LOOSE ANIMALS. All stray/loose animals should be reported to the local Security office. Your local Housing Office does not have the means to capture or contain stray animals.

g. DEAD ANIMALS. If you find a dead animal on a street, call your local Security office for your particular area.