Attachment 9

PET CARE

A9.1. Pets are valued and important members of our families: and are helpful in completing our sense of home. However, serious responsibilities go with having pets because they rely on us to provide for their needs. The lack of animal control or care will not be tolerated. Any animal cruelty, animal neglect, animal abandonment, etc., can result in loss of pet privileges, loss of housing privileges, and be punishable via administrative action against the sponsor. Any person(s) observed in violation of any of these animal regulations should be reported to the Security Forces Operations Desk immediately for investigation.

A9.2. If you wish to have a pet other than: Acat, dog, gerbil, hamster, guinea pig, rabbit, fish, turtle, passerine bird (perching birds and song birds), or psittacine bird (parrots), you must submit a written request to the 35 MSG/CC through the Base Housing Office for consideration before acceptance of housing. Upon veterinary review, recommendations will be forwarded to the 35 MSG/CC for final approval/disapproval. Cats and dogs are permitted only in selected tower dwelling units. However, all other animals mentioned above are permitted in the towers.

A9.3. 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. All pet owners must out process through the Veterinary Treatment Facility upon completion of their tour.

A9.4. You may only have two pets in on-base family housing. This restriction does not include animals that permanently reside in cages or tanks (e.g., hamsters, turtles, etc.). Requests for exception can be submitted to the Housing Office through the Base Veterinarian for special consideration before acceptance to housing. Upon veterinary review, recommendations will be forwarded to the Base Civil Engineer or the Deputy Base Civil Engineer for final approval/disapproval. Recommendations will be based upon size and location of dwelling, number and age of family members, disposition and species of animals, and size. When already residing in housing, pet owners who are considering acquiring additional pets beyond the two that are authorized must secure an approved exception to policy before acquiring them.

A9.5. When outside the quarters, pets must: Be under hand-held leash control, inside a fenced yard, or on an in-ground anchor with the pet owner present and in control of the pet. Pets will not be secured in areas accessible to the general public such as sidewalks, walkways, and other common areas. Pets will not be staked out to where individuals could happen upon them while visiting or conducting business. Do not chain animals where they can become tangled and cannot get to food, water, or shade. If you have a dog that barks excessively causing neighborhood disturbance, you must immediately quiet the animal and prevent recurrence. Refer to the housing pamphlet for further details and fencing guidelines. This brochure is located on the MSG HUD at the following address: **https://misawa.eim.pacaf.af.mil/35FW/35MSG/Lists/Links1/DispForm.aspx?ID=7**

A9.6. Dogs that spend a significant portion of the day outside: Must have access to food (minimum of once a day), continuous access to water, and access to a doghouse that is large enough for the dog to stand and turn around in. The doghouse must be well ventilated, have a roof that does not leak, a floor not resting on the ground, and must not lock. Animals cannot

stay outside in extreme temperatures that you could not tolerate yourself while wearing a jacket.

A9.7. Pets are not allowed in: Public buildings, swimming pools, sports areas, tennis courts, parade grounds, rubberized running tracks, playgrounds, ball fields, basketball courts, beaches (except Beach Dog Park), public gatherings, or on the golf course.

A9.8. You must immediately remove and properly dispose of waste deposits (feces): While walking your animal(s). Failure to do so may result in the removal of the animal from base and/or loss of housing privileges. All deposits left in pens or litter caused by your pet(s) must be removed and properly disposed of daily.

A9.9. If you are planning a trip: Pets must have plenty of food and water while you are away. You must not leave your pets alone without having an adult check on them at least once a day (qualified pet sitter is preferred), or you must use a local boarding facility.

A9.10. Pet owners must: Report lost, deceased, and/or new pets to the base Veterinary Treatment Facility within 24 hours.

A9.11. Should your pet escape from your control, you: Must immediately contact the Veterinary Treatment Facility or Civil Engineering Entomology Section. If your animal is apprehended by Security Forces, Civil Engineering, or Veterinary Services, you will be cited. If cited more than twice in a 12-month period, you may be required to remove the animal from base or your housing privileges may be terminated.

A9.12. If you are transferring from Misawa Air Base and cannot or do not want to take your pet(s), you must: Find a new owner before moving or releasing custody of the animal(s). The pet's medical treatment record must be transferred into the name of the new owner while both parties are present at the Veterinary Treatment Facility. If a pet escapes before moving, the veterinary clinic must be notified and given a forwarding address, forwarding telephone number, a copy of your PCS orders, and local person for point of contact. A Special Power of Attorney must be granted to someone to provide for shipment of the pet upon capture. The owner is responsible for all shipping costs incurred by the person granted Power of Attorney. Failure to comply with the prevention of animal abandonment can result in administrative action against the sponsor.

A9.13. If an animal bites or scratches you or your family member: It is strongly recommended the victim report immediately to the Emergency Room for treatment and completion of a Rabies Bite Report. If your pet bites or scratches someone, contact the Base Veterinarian immediately to schedule it for an examination. Sponsors of animals involved in biting incidents will receive a citation and the animal will be subject to removal from base or housing privileges may be terminated.

A9.14. If you see a stray animal: Please call the Security Forces Law Enforcement (LE) Desk immediately to assist with the pet's safe return to the owner and/or capture for the stray adoption program through PAWS Misawa organization. For your safety and the safety of the animal, do not feed stray animals or try to capture them.

A9.15. The breeding of pets for profit is strictly prohibited in military family housing. Individuals that breed pets for profit, on- or off-base, may lose their right to base veterinary care for their pets and housing privileges.

A9.16. Residents are unauthorized to "board" animals as an overnight business. People who require this care should contact the 35 FSS Kennels.