

Chapter 5

GOOD NEIGHBORS

5.1. Pet Policy in Government Quarters: The guidelines of the installation pet policy shall be in accordance with Air Force Guidance Memo 2 (AFGM2) to AFI 32-6001, *Family Housing Management*. This policy standardizes pet policies across the Air Force and is compatible with policies of other services. Family Housing (FH) and Unaccompanied Housing (UH) residents are authorized to keep pets in government-provided quarters and towers under the following conditions:

5.1.1. Family Housing (Pets will not be allowed in elevators at anytime):

5.1.1.1. *Garden Units*. Residents are authorized up to two (2) dogs/cats, no more than two total.

5.1.1.2. *All Towers*. Residents of the first two floors are authorized up to two (2) dogs/cats, no more than two total.

5.1.1.3. *Towers 3001 and 4303 (3d to 9th floor)*. Residents are authorized up to two (2) cats only, no more than two total.

5.1.1.4. FH residents are authorized to keep fish, caged birds, hamsters, guinea pigs, or gerbils in standard cages/containers (no more than three total).

5.1.2. Unaccompanied Housing (Pets will not be allowed in elevators at anytime):

5.1.2.1. *Garden Units*. Residents are authorized up to two (2) dogs or cats, no more than two total.

5.1.2.2. *All Towers*. Residents of the first two floors are authorized up to two (2) dogs/cats, no more than two total.

5.1.2.3. UH (dormitory) residents are authorized to keep fish, caged birds, hamsters, guinea pigs, or gerbils in standard cages/containers (no more than three total).

5.2. Aggressive/Potentially Aggressive Dog Breeds: FH and UH 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 or approval is obtained by the Installation Commander in writing. Aggressive and 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 indicated by any of the following types of behaviors:

Unprovoked barking, growling or snarling at people approaching the animal.

Aggressively running along a fence line when people are present.

Biting or scratching people.

Escaping confinement or restriction to chase people.

5.2.1. Residents currently boarding pets prohibited by this guidance may continue to board the pet until they terminate housing unless the pet demonstrates a propensity for behavior described above.

5.2.2. Exotic Animals: FH and UH residents may not board exotic animals, such as but not limited to, reptiles, rodents (other than hamsters and guinea pigs), ferrets, hedgehogs, skunks, rats, raccoons, squirrels, pot-bellied pigs, monkeys, arachnids, or any farm animals.

5.2.3. Pet Control: Pets must be secured with leashes or under positive control while outdoors, except in fenced patios and yards. Pets must not be left tied or unattended in exterior appurtenances, unfenced yards, trees, shrubbery, stakes, or to your quarters. Nuisance complaints, including excessive barking and invading the privacy of others, must be addressed by the owner immediately. **You will ensure cleanliness of your pet's area to control and prevent vermin infestation. Feces must be picked up immediately.** Dog runs are not authorized. Pet doors and/or the practice of leaving a door open to allow a pet to enter/leave the residence at will is prohibited. Such practice allows vermin such as rats, mice and insects access to the residence. Pet food will also be contained in a manner to minimize the attraction of vermin. Unconsumed pet food should be disposed of immediately. Unattended dogs must be in an approved fencing area at the back of the quarters only. Stray pets should be reported to the 374 SFS, 225-7200.

5.3. Pet Registration: Pets kept by Yokota FH residents must be registered with the base Veterinary Clinic and maintain current immunization on all pets. Upon completion of a vaccination, ensure that the Veterinary Clinic sends the Pass and Registration Office one copy of the DD Form 2208, *Rabies and Vaccination Certificate*. This form serves as the registration document. Notify the base veterinarian on any changes in ownership or permanent change of station (PCS). Dogs and cats are required to wear a collar or harness with current rabies and distemper vaccination attached. All residents previously housed with three pets will be grandfathered. All pets will be controlled at all times IAW 374 AWI 34-101 (will be Yokota ABI 34-101), *Control, Care, and Immunization of Pets*. All incidents of pet bites and scratches will be investigated when reported to the 374 SFS.

5.3.1. Stray and Free-Roaming Animals: 374 AWI 34-101 (will be Yokota ABI 34-101) is the Installation Commander's tool to minimize stray and free-roaming animals. Once stray and free-roaming animals have been detained either by the 374 SFS or CE Entomology, they

are turned over to the Pet Adoption Center. The center will hold animals for five (5) days for the reclaiming process. After five days, the animal is either put up for adoption or destroyed.

5.3.2. Damage by Pets: All damages caused by pets must be repaired, replaced or reimbursed by the resident. This responsibility includes reseeding grass areas destroyed by an occupant's pet.

5.3.3. Violators: **Violation of pet control instructions may result in the immediate and permanent removal of your pet from government quarters.**

5.3.4. Dog Parks: Dog parks are located in all four areas of housing. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure they clean up and dispose of their pet's feces when leaving the enclosed dog park area. These parks are provided and maintained by the 374 FSS/FSV. If you have any questions or concerns about the parks, contact 374 FSS/FSV at 225-9600.