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MOODY AIR FORCE BASE GEORGIA**

**MEMORANDUM FOR APPLICANTS AND RESIDENTS OF MISSION CREEK AND MOODY FAMILY
HOUSING PRIVATIZED HOUSING PROJECTS AND DORM RESIDENTS**

FROM: 23 WG/CC

SUBJECT: Moody Air Force Base Privatized Housing and Dormitory Pet Policy

1. In accordance with AFI 32-6000, *Housing Management*, paragraph 2.21-2.22, this memorandum establishes the local pet policy for Moody AFB (MAFB). This policy incorporates Air Force restrictions and clarifies differing approval procedures for Service, and Emotional Support, Comfort and Therapy Animals on MAFB. All individuals applying for or residing in privatized housing and Moody AFB dormitories are subject to this policy.

2. PETS: Individuals residing in privatized housing will adhere to the privatized owner's pet policies as stated in the privatized housing Resident Guides and individual lease pet addendums regarding types and numbers of pets, and restricted breed animals. Privatized housing residents must register all dogs and cats with privatized housing and comply with pet health and identification requirements per the privatized housing Resident Guides and lease pet addendums. Privatized housing residents must also register all pets with the Moody AFB Vet Clinic, even if pets are seen at an off-base vet facility.

Registration consists of a civilian or military veterinarian certification of a current rabies and distemper vaccinations. A metal license tag must always be attached to a collar around the pet's neck. All pets are also required to be microchipped.

3. DORMITORY PETS: The only pets allowed in dormitory rooms are fish. Aquariums must be less than 20 gallons and be maintained in a manner that prevents them from being unsightly. Any water damage caused by aquariums is the resident's responsibility. Airmen are responsible for all pets and maintenance.

4. SERVICE ANIMALS: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires accommodation of persons with disabilities including the use of service animals. The ADA defines service animals as dogs individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. This definition was expanded since inception to include miniature horses; however, said provision is not covered in this memorandum per definition in DoDI 1300.27, *Guidance on the Use of Service Dogs by Service Members* (Jan 7, 2016).

a. Privatized housing residents are authorized service animals in addition to the number of pets authorized in privatized housing Resident Guides and lease pet addendums.

b. Per the ADA, when the assistance that a service animal provides is not obvious, the only inquiries that may be made to the owner are:

- (1) Is the service animal required because of a disability?
- (2) What work or task has the animal been trained to perform?

Owners will not be asked about their disability or requested to provide medical documentation of the need for a service animal. Additionally, owners will not be required to obtain a special service animal designation identification card/tag or training/certification for the service animal or be asked to have the service animal demonstrate its ability to perform tasks. Conversely, no inquiries may be made to the owner when the job or task for which the service animal has been trained to provide is readily apparent.

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5. EMOTIONAL SUPPORT, COMFORT AND THERAPY ANIMALS: Per the ADA and DODI 1300.27, Emotional Support, Comfort, and Therapy Animals are not considered service animals, even when used as part of a medical treatment plan. Documents designating any animal as an Emotional Support or Comfort/Therapy Animal do not automatically qualify an animal as a service animal. Emotional Support, Comfort and Therapy Animals are pets and do count toward the privatized housing Resident Guidelines and lease pet addendums for authorized numbers of pets allowed.

a. All Service members who identify to the Military Housing or Dormitory Management Office that they have an Emotional Support, Comfort and Therapy Animal will be required to provide a letter from a military/clinical Mental Health provider regardless of the breed or type of animal. Documentation from an outside provider, Military and Family Life Counselor (MFLC), a Chaplain, or Military OneSource is not authorized for this requirement.

b. The names of all Active-Duty Service members that have an Emotional Support, Comfort and Therapy Animal will be released to 23 MDG to ensure appropriate AF Forms 469 are in place.

6. RESTRICTED BREED ANIMALS: Per AFI 32-6000, paragraph 2.21.1, the following dog breeds are designated “aggressive” or “potentially aggressive” and, as such, these breeds are prohibited on MAFB unless designated as a service animal: Pit Bull (American Staffordshire Bull Terrier, and English Staffordshire Bull Terrier), Rottweiler, Doberman Pinscher, Chow, and wolf hybrids. Any mixed breed dog with a significant percentage bloodline of the types/breeds listed above and all wolf hybrids regardless of percentage of bloodline are also prohibited. This 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. Dominant or aggressive behavior include the following type or types of behavior outlined in AFI 32-6000, paragraphs 2.21.1.1 through 2.21.1.4: 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.

a. Restricted breed service animals must be muzzled, harnessed, and leashed or tethered while in common community areas of privatized housing. Where these provisions interfere with the animal’s work or the owner’s disability prevents use of these devices, the owner must maintain control of the animal through voice, signal, or other effective controls. Service animals that cannot be controlled are not authorized in privatized housing.

b. Individuals applying for privatized housing with breed-restricted Emotional Support, Comfort and Therapy Animals must obtain a 23d Wing Commander (23 WG/CC) restricted breed waiver. Approval of the restricted breed waiver must be obtained prior to being referred to privatized housing by the installation’s Military Housing Office.

(1) Assigned military personnel who have a breed-restricted Emotional Support, Comfort or Therapy Animal must receive an evaluation by a qualified Military/Clinical mental health provider, either from the 23 MDG or from the member’s losing duty station, prior to requesting a 23 WG/CC waiver to reside in privatized housing with the restricted breed pet. Documentation cannot come from MFLC, Military OneSource, or other non-clinical mental health counselor. Documentation from an independent source designating a pet as an emotional support, comfort or therapy animal does not fulfil this requirement.

(2) Military personnel with dependents that have a breed-restricted Emotional Support, Comfort or Therapy Animal must complete DD Form 2792 to initiate the process for evaluation prior to requesting a 23 WG/CC waiver to reside in privatized housing with the restricted breed pet.

(3) When waivers are approved for breed-restricted Emotional Support, Comfort and Therapy Animals, the animals must be muzzled, harnessed, and leashed or tethered while in privatized housing common community areas. The owner must maintain control of the animal, and animals that cannot be controlled are not authorized in privatized housing.

7. Reports of unauthorized restricted breeds in privatized housing will be investigated by the appropriate privatized housing staff. If it is determined the animal is not authorized, the privatized housing staff will issue the owner a notice to permanently remove the animal from privatized housing per the Resident Guides, lease pet addendums and this policy memorandum. Reports of unauthorized animals in dormitories will be investigated by the Airmen Dorm Leaders and notification made to the members first sergeant. When issued a notice for removal, the owner must remove the animal from privatized housing property or dormitory within 24 hours and present proof of removal to the appropriate staffs.

8. Per AFI 32-6000, paragraph 2.21.2, residents of privatized housing 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, potbellied pigs, monkeys, arachnids, or any farm animal.

9. In circumstances where an animal causes a serious incident, the 23d Mission Support Group Commander may review the incident(s) and recommend the 23 WG/CC order removal of the animal from the installation if appropriate. When the wing commander orders removal, the animal must be removed from privatized housing property or dormitory within 24 hours, and the owner must present proof of removal to the installation's Military Housing or Dormitory Management Office.

10. This policy is effective immediately and will remain in effect until rescinded or superseded by myself or my successors. All residents in Moody Family Housing's Quiet Pines and Magnolia Grove privatized housing areas, Mission Creek's Mission Point and Azalea Commons privatized housing areas and Airmen residing in Moody AFB dormitories will be familiar with and comply with this policy.

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