

# Pet Hi-lights



There have been changes in the Picerne Military Housing pet policy necessitated by the frequency of issues related to damages occurring in the homes, as well as recent DA Guidance pertaining to pets, as outlined January 5, 2009 in a memo by Paul Bollinger, Jr. (Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army, Energy and Partnerships) and Fort Rucker regulation 40-16.

As outlined in your original Resident Responsibility Guide in paragraph 4-7, Pet Policy; the following guidelines have remained the same.

- 🐾 A maximum of 3 pets, either dogs or cats of any combination is authorized per household.
- 🐾 Pets are the responsibility of the Resident. As such, Resident will be liable for all damages to include carpet, doors, walls, shades, blinds, screens, appliances, cabinets 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. Residents are liable for any injury or damage, caused by their pet(s).
- 🐾 Pets will be housed indoors or may be secured outside home within a fenced area.
- 🐾 Pets are to be kept on a leash and under the owner's supervision and control at all times when outside of the home or yard.
- 🐾 Pets must wear a Fort Rucker rabies tag and have a current vaccination history.
- 🐾 Poop and scoop is mandatory and requires the removal of pet waste from yards (daily), common areas (immediately), and grounds in the neighborhood (immediately). 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. Pets should not be permitted to soil patios and porches.
- 🐾 Farm animals are not permitted in Fort Rucker Family Housing. Any such animals found running loose or abandoned on Fort Rucker will be impounded until proper disposition can be made.
- 🐾 Pets are not permitted in any recreational areas such as swimming pools, recreation centers, basketball or volleyball courts, playgrounds, or any other recreational facilities including laundry rooms, offices,

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and clubrooms at any time. However, exceptions will be made for assistive animals in authorized areas in accordance with "Title 40, U.S.C., and Section 291"

- 🐾 Pit Bulls, American/Staffordshire Bull Terriers Rottweilers, Doberman Pinschers, Chows, wolf hybrids, and crosses of these breeds are not allowed in Fort Rucker Family Housing.
- 🐾 Prohibition also extends to other dogs that demonstrate a propensity for dominant or aggressive behavior as indicated by any of the following types of conduct:
  - 🐾 Unprovoked barking, growling, or snarling at people approaching the animal
  - 🐾 Aggressively running along fence lines when people are present
  - 🐾 Biting or scratching people
  - 🐾 Escaping confinement or restriction to chase people
- 🐾 Ferrets, snakes, reptiles, rodents (other than hamsters and guinea pigs), hedgehogs, pot-bellied pigs, monkeys, arachnids, sylvatic pets (skunks, raccoons, squirrels, other tree or woods-dwelling animals, etc.) and any other exotic or farm animal are not permitted in Housing.

**Changes in the previous policy are outlined for your convenience below:**

- 🐾 Picerne Military Housing reserves the right to charge a new resident moving in with pets a refundable deposit and/or non-refundable fee.
- 🐾 A refundable deposit of \$150 per household will be charged to those families moving in after December 31, 2011. Current residents who acquire a pet after this date will be subject to the pet deposit. All other existing pets will be grandfathered in under the previous requirements as long as they are registered with the Neighborhood Office.

Please remember that Picerne Military Housing is a partner with the Army and as a partner we take serious all issues related to pet care and complaints. We work closely with DES, the Vet Clinic and our Garrison Command to ensure the installation policies are enforced. The changes to the preexisting pet policy are intended to help in our efforts to mitigate risks associated with potential issues, while supporting the need to reduce the amount of damages to homes being felt within the program. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and request you to speak to your neighborhood management team if you have any questions.

