



## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division and Fort Riley**

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#### **POST PET POLICY ALIGNS WITH DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY**

Fort Riley, Kan. - The Fort Riley pet ownership policy has changed to align with the recently released Department of the Army Standardized Pet Policy for Privatized Housing.

Effective Feb. 1, the following breeds of Dogs no longer are allowed on the Fort Riley military installation: Pit Bulls, (American Staffordshire Bull Terriers or English Staffordshire Bull Terriers), Rottweilers, Doberman Pinschers, Chows and Wolf hybrids. Pit Bulls have been banned from the installation since Oct. 1, 2008. DA issued a standardized pet policy for Residential Community Initiative Housing and Fort Riley adjusted its policy to conform to the new DA policy.

In addition, this prohibition is extended 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 and escaping confinement or restriction to chase people.

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 are prohibited in any RCI housing.

Current Fort Riley residents who own pets prohibited by this new policy may keep their pet until they vacate on-post housing, unless the pet demonstrates a propensity for dominant or aggressive behavior.

Visitors and guests to Fort Riley may not bring these dogs on post. This includes use of the on-post dog park or to installation events such as the Fall Festival in September.

Owners who violate this policy will face the loss of pet ownership privileges on post and may face Uniform Code of Military Justice action.

This policy takes into account that Soldiers and Families become very attached to their pets, but the safety of all Fort Riley residents is the overriding concern for the policy, according to Col. Richard Piscal, garrison commander.

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