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The number of pets allowed in MFH is limited to two and shall not exceed this for any reason. This can be a combination of different types (example: two dogs, one cat and one dog, two cats, etc). Documentation of spaying or neutering is required to be provided to the Housing Office.

Dogs are **not** allowed in any Mid-rise or High-rise towers at any time. Dogs are permitted in all townhouses and garden apartments. Verify with your local Housing Office if you are assigned to pet eligible quarters.

All pets are required to be registered with the local Veterinary Service and registered with the Housing Office. You must also keep your pets' shots current.

If you own a pet, you are responsible for your own flea/tick control program. You will be required to provide Raid flea and tick fogger prior to the date you vacate your quarters. Failure to provide required documentation will result in the unit being treated by the government and the resident charged for the service. Any damage to government property or flea infestation caused by your pet will be your financial responsibility.

a. **WILD, NON-DOMESTIC OR EXOTIC ANIMALS AS PETS.** All non-domestic animals including, but not limited to: snakes, chickens, ducks, lizards, ferrets, monkeys, reptiles, llamas and tarantulas are not permitted in government quarters. Raising birds and fish for commercial purposes is not allowed.

b. **CONDITIONS OF ANIMAL OWNERSHIP.** Animal owners or keepers must comply with the following conditions:

(1) Animals shall be restrained or confined as required by local policy.

(2) Animals shall be humanely treated at all times.

(3) Vaccinations, microchips, licenses, and permits shall be obtained as required by local policy.

(4) Animal premises shall be kept sanitary and shall not constitute a fly breeding reservoir, a source of offensive odors or of human or animal disease.

(5) Animals and animal premises shall not be permitted to disturb the peace or constitute a public nuisance or hazard.

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c. RESTRAINT OF PETS. When outdoors, pets must be:

- (1) In an approved fenced yard unless being walked. Front patio of townhouses is NOT an approved fenced yard. Pets must remain in your backyard or in the residence. Cats are not to roam free throughout the housing areas.
- (2) On a hand-held leash when taken for a walk, under the control of a responsible person.
- (3) Pet owners will maintain their yards and adjacent areas clean and free of animal droppings. The person walking the pet(s) will pick up and properly dispose of any droppings.
- (4) Pets will not be tethered, chained, or tied in front yards or on any common ground. Pets will not be tethered, chained or secured to trees, water faucets, drain spouts, or any part of the housing unit.
- (5) In the Hario Dog Park following all the rules stated on the sign board and waiver/liability form. A signed waiver/liability form is required to use the on-base dog park.

d. COMMITTING NUISANCE. No person shall allow a dog or cat in his or her custody to defecate or to urinate on public property or any improved private property other than that of the owner or person having control of the animal. If a violation of the above occurs, such person shall immediately remove any feces to a proper receptacle. Common grounds and public areas (i.e., athletic fields, playgrounds and parks) shall not be used as dog exercise areas or dog runs.

e. AUTHORIZATION TO KEEP PETS. Authorization to keep pets will be rescinded when:

- (1) The pet(s) becomes a nuisance to neighbors because of noise, odor, sanitation, misbehavior, or grounds condition.
- (2) If you fail to control and maintain the pet(s) as required herein.

f. STRAY/LOOSE ANIMALS. All stray/loose animals should be reported to the local Security office. Your local Housing Office does not have the means to capture or contain stray animals.

g. DEAD ANIMALS. If you find a dead animal, call your local Security office for your particular area.

320. **PETSITTING.** Temporarily caring for another resident's pet in MFH is allowed provided the type of pet being cared for does not violate the established pet policy (i.e. a resident in a high-rise or mid-rise tower cannot watch a dog) and the temporary pet does not exceed the two pet policy.



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**THE FOLLOWING PORTION IS EXTRACTED FROM
THIS INSTRUCTION AND WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE
NEXT FAMILY HOUSING HANDBOOK**

(5) Assignment of families with pets will be authorized assignment to the first and second floor of towers on-board all installations providing government owned family housing.

(a) This policy does not address feral animals, which are covered under installation pest management plans. This policy pertains to all Government-owned family housing pet ownership for those service members and their families. All dogs and cats, must wear a collar at all times with a valid current rabies vaccination tag or animal registration tag, which should be in compliance with applicable Installation policy. Resident pet-owners shall be responsible for cleaning urinary or fecal mishaps so as not to impose on the health and comfort of the families residing on the floor or within the tower. Pet owners who fail to clean-up after their pet's mishaps will receive one warning. A second failure will result in the loss of pet privileges for the remainder of their assignment to the Installation.

(b) Owners are responsible at all times for controlling the behavior of their animals. No pet will be allowed to roam free at any time; they must be on a leash or in a pet carrier; to prevent altercations between pets for the safety and well-being of all residents.