

# DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 39TH AIR BASE WING (USAFE) INCIRLIK AIR BASE, TÜRKİYE

13 October 2023

# MEMORANDUM FOR ALL 39TH AIR BASE WING PERSONNEL AT INCIRLIK AIR BASE

FROM: 39 ABW/CC

SUBJECT: 39th Air Base Wing (39 ABW) Pet Policy

References: (a) DAFI 32-6000, Housing Management, 23 June 2023

- (b) AFD 1109008-012, Air Force Standardized Pet Policy, Undated
- (c) INCIRLIKABI 44-101, Control of Animals in Incirlik Air Base, 29 March 2017
- **1. Definitions.** For the purpose of this policy, the following terms apply:
  - 1.1. Single Occupancy Home: Homes assigned one resident or a dual-military couple.
  - 1.2. Double Occupancy Home: Homes assigned two residents who are not a dual-military couple.
  - 1.3. Pets: Dog or Cat unless otherwise specified.

# 2. Policy.

- 2.1. All guidance set forth by AFD 11009008-012, including breed restrictions and behavior expectations, and INCIRLIKABI 44-101, Control of Animals on Incirlik Air Base will be followed without exception.
- 2.2. All members residing on Incirlik Air Base (IAB) are authorized one (1) aquarium, not to exceed 25-gallons, to house only fish. No other aquarium or terrarium dwelling animals are authorized in base housing.
- 2.3. Members residing in a single occupancy home are authorized two (2) pets per home and must notify 39 CES Housing Management of pet occupancy by emailing 39ces.cechh@us.af.mil with the quantity and type (dog and/or cat) of pet prior to the pet's arrival.
- 2.3.1. It is the responsibility of the member to pre-coordinate with the housing office for eligibility and availability of a single-occupancy home prior to arrival at IAB. Members should refer to the current IAB Housing Policies for information regarding eligibility for single-occupancy homes. Ineligible members are not authorized to keep pets anywhere on IAB.
- 2.3.2. Members assigned at IAB as of the date of this policy, are authorized to bring their pets immediately and must notify 39 CES Housing Management prior to the pet's arrival.
- 2.3.3. All other members are authorized to bring their pets no earlier than 1 January 2024 and must notify 39 CES Housing Management of pet occupancy when signing in for housing.
  - 2.3.4. Members may bring pets to their work center with approval of their squadron leadership.

- 2.4. Members residing in a double occupancy home, or a dormitory are not authorized any pets.
- 2.5. Members are responsible for any damage caused to Government Property by the pets.

# 3. Travel.

- 3.1. Members are responsible for ensuring all required documents and quarantines are completed to import and export their pets as needed.
- 3.2. Members must adhere to the Joint Travel Regulations for requesting reimbursement of pet PCS costs after 1 January 2024.

KEVIN M. LORD, Colonel, USAF Commander

#### AIR FORCE STANDARDIZED PET POLICY

- 1. In accordance with AFI 32-6001 and AFI 32-6007, the following standards are in effect AF-wide:
- a. 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. For purposes of this policy, aggressive or 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 type of behaviors: 1) Unprovoked barking, growling or snarling at people approaching the animal, 2) Aggressively running along a fence line when people are present, 3) Biting or scratching people, and 4) Escaping confinement or restriction to chase people.
- b. 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 animal.
- c. 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 or unfenced yards or allowed to run loose outside fenced yard.
- d. Pet owners must maintain current immunizations on all pets. Dogs and cats are required to wear a collar or harness with current rabies and distemper vaccination attached.
- e. Pet areas must be cleaned regularly to control and prevent vermin infestation. Pet feces must be picked up daily or immediately if the pet evacuates outside the patio or yard.
  - f. Operating a commercial kennel is prohibited.
- g. Project Owners determine the following in privatized housing: 1) Additional requirements for tenant liability insurance, 2) Number and type of pets allowed per household, 3) Termination of tenant lease for failure to remove aggressive or unruly pets, and 4) Charges for pet damages.
- 2. The standards set forth in this policy are effective immediately.