

Installation Pet Policy

The Installation Pet Policy is governed by DOD Instruction, AF Instruction, and Army Regulation; with enforcement under Federal, State, and Local Laws and Ordinances.

Due to the close community living, and constant transition of personnel and their families; Personnel with pets need to be aware of the importance of controlling their pets and insuring they are properly taken care of. Vaccinations up to date, appropriate medications administered (De-wormer, Antibiotics, etc..). Taking care of your pet also includes picking up after your pet, and insuring a clean environment for your pet and others. Numerous diseases and bacteria can be spread through pet feces, and it needs to be disposed of properly. Failure to pick up after your pet is a violation of several health codes, and local ordinances.

Not all people have or can be around various animals. Numerous people have allergies to various pet danders, along with inherent fears of various animals for a variety of reasons. This is why positive control of pets is enforced (otherwise known as Leash Laws) and is covered under numerous Laws, Rules, and Regulations. Positive control means – when your pet is not within your fenced yard – it must be on a leash or under your physical control (Hands on the animal, animal in an approved carrier).

Not all animals are allowed on Military Installations as pets. Pets that are listed or deemed as “aggressive or potentially aggressive” may not be boarded on a Military Installation. Also a number of exotic animals are not allowed to be boarded on a Military Installation – they include but are not limited too; reptiles, rodents (other than Hamsters and Guinea Pigs), ferrets, hedgehogs, skunks, rats, raccoons, squirrels, pot bellied pigs, monkeys, arachnids, or farm animals. Federal and State Law prohibit possession of various exotics due to either their being listed as protected, poisonous/venomous, or a trade species (scientific, research, or zoological permit required). Exotic animals that have either escaped or that have been released do to a variety of reasons have become invasive species, which have caused and cost Federal and State Governments millions of dollars per year in damages and eradication efforts. Some of these animals are: The African Boa, the South American Anaconda, the Feral Hog, the South American Nutria, the Snakehead (Fish), The Africanized Bee.

The regulation which covers JBLE – Eustis and its Pet Policy is AFI 32-6001. The Federal Laws are listed under US Code title 5, US Code title 16, and US Code title 18 with additional references to Lacy and the endangered/protected species acts. The applicable laws under the Commonwealth of Virginia are listed in the Va. State Code.

Personnel should ask the appropriate authority before boarding or obtaining a pet to be boarded on JBLE – Eustis. After the pet is already here, it is already too late. Keep your pets; safe, clean and healthy, and your neighbors will be happy too.

Excluded Dog Breeds: The following breeds of dogs are not allowed in Fort Eustis Housing: Akita, Chow, Doberman, Pit Bull, Rottweiler, American Staffordshire Terriers, English Staffordshire Bull Terriers, Wolf Hybrids or any other breed with dominant traits geared toward aggression.