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SUBJECT: Air Force Guidance Memorandum - Pets in Military, Government-Managed and Privatized Family Housing (Change to AFI 32-6001)

This is an AF Guidance Memorandum immediately changing AFI 32-6001, *Family Housing Management*. Compliance with this Memorandum is mandatory. To the extent directions are inconsistent with other Air Force publications the information herein prevails, in accordance with AFI 33-360, *Publications and Forms Management*.

This policy standardizes pet policies across the Air Force and is compatible with policies of other Services. The Installation Commander ensures residents in housing comply with applicable federal, state, local, and foreign country laws, installation-specific requirements for pet ownership, registration, control and vaccination, and adhere to the following guidelines. Installation Commander authorities, relating to the security or mission of the installation, the health, welfare, safety or security of persons on the installation or the maintenance of good order and discipline as established in law, regulation or military custom, remain unchanged. Pending and future project solicitations and project documents should require privatized housing project owners to support government standards and incorporate the standards into tenant leases to the extent consistent with applicable state and local law. For closed projects, the Air Force should coordinate with project owners in an attempt to incorporate the standards into project documents. Commanders address local requirements and processes in the base supplement and Housing Brochure.

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
- (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. For government controlled housing, the Installation Commander retains the authority to determine the following:

- (1) Number and type of pets allowed per household
- (2) Termination of residency for failure to remove aggressive or unruly pets

h. 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
- (4) Charges for pet damages

This policy is effective immediately. Residents currently boarding pets prohibited by this policy may continue to board the pet until they terminate housing unless the pet demonstrates a propensity for behavior described in paragraph a. or if resident is in violation of their current Lease Agreement.

Ensure all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this Memorandum are maintained in accordance with AF Manual (AFMAN) 33-363, Management of Records, and disposed of in accordance with the Air Force Records Disposition Schedule (RDS) located at <https://afirms.amc.af.mil/>.

The policy established herein becomes void after 180 days have elapsed from the date of this Memorandum, or when incorporated by interim change or revision of AFI 32-6001. All attached enclosures are previously approved guidance changes that remain in effect and will be incorporated by interim change or revision of AFI 32-6001.

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Enclosure:  
Sex Offenders in Military, Government-Managed and Privatized Family Housing

# Important Misawa Housing Information

## Fact Sheet

We have over 2,000 family housing (FH) units on Misawa AB. There is currently no waiting period for on-base housing. During high PCS season, your stay in the Temporary Lodging Facility (TLF) could be up to 30 days depending on the type of housing required, member's rank, and bedroom entitlement.

We understand your first concern is where you will live. **All newly assigned accompanied military members are required to live on-base.** A major decision for many is whether to bring your pets with you or leave them in the states. Since many FH units do not allow pets, members should not bring pets to Misawa until they have secured pet-friendly housing. Additionally, Misawa is undergoing a renovation program to bring all FH units and related infrastructure up to modern standards. During this time, the number of pet-friendly units will be limited.

Upon your arrival at Misawa, you will be offered up to two housing units, if available, that meet your authorized category of house. This will be determined IAW AFI 32-6001. If you turn down your first offer, you will be offered a 2<sup>nd</sup> FH unit; however, your Temporary Lodging Allowance (TLA) will be stopped on the date that house would have been available. At that time your Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) will be the only entitlement you will receive. You will not be entitled to receive Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) if you were receiving it from your previous assignment. The Joint Federal Travel Regulation does not authorize BAH once TLA is stopped.

If you choose to wait for a personal housing preference (to include, but not limited to, pet friendly, style, size, location, or age) you will incur out-of-pocket expenses to retain lodging. It is also recommended that you call lodging prior to your permanent change-of-station (PCS) move to Misawa to ensure you can financially afford the out-of-pocket expense and to inquire if lodging can accommodate your stay while you await your housing preference. If you cannot afford the added expense, and non-pet housing is the only unit available, you may be required to accept it and make alternate arrangements for your pets for the duration of your tour.

Although military members do not have an option of living off-base, civilians are still authorized to live off-base unless they are identified as key and essential. Living in Japan is different from continental U.S. (CONUS) areas. You can expect to live in smaller units, drive on congested/narrow streets, have limited parking, and use smaller appliances.

Lodging facilities do not allow pets in their rooms. Guests with pets will be required to seek a pet boarding facility. Pet boarding fees are high in Japan and can be overwhelming for families if on-base housing that allows pets is not immediately available. Each family must make an informed decision and should contact their sponsor to provide them with additional information on quarantine fees for pets at the airport, pet boarding cost, out-of-pocket lodging costs etc.

These rules are also applicable to a military member married to another military member and both are assigned to Misawa AB, members arriving to Misawa from a remote tour, and members changing to an accompanied tour.

Email questions to [housing@misawa.af.mil](mailto:housing@misawa.af.mil) or call DSN (315) 226-3200.

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