



417th Base Support Battalion *Commander's Policy*

Policy Number: 11-2

Proponent: AETV-WG-W

Date: 7 July 2003

SUBJECT: Dangerous Dogs

1. REFERENCE: Bavarian Law, Nr. 21/2002, 4 Sep 2002.

2. PURPOSE: To establish policy for community members regarding privately owned dangerous dogs in accordance with Bavarian Law.

3. SCOPE: This policy applies to all organizations within the 417th BSB area of responsibility.

4. POLICY:

a. In accordance with above listed reference, Bavarian Law prohibits ownership of the following dogs:

- (1) Pit-Bull
- (2) Bandog
- (3) American Staffordshire Terrier
- (4) Staffordshire Bullterrier
- (5) Tosa-Inu

This includes dogs mixed with any of the above breeds. Proving the breed of a dog is the owner's responsibility.

b. The following listed dogs are assumed to be aggressive or dangerous until proven otherwise. These breeds are:

- (1) Alano
- (2) American Bulldog
- (3) Bullmastiff
- (4) Bullterrier
- (5) Cane Corso
- (6) Dog Argentino

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- (7) Dogue de Bordeaux
- (8) Fila Brasileiro
- (9) Mastiff
- (10) Mastin Espanol
- (11) Mastino Napoletano
- (12) Pero de Presa Canario (Dogo Canario)
- (13) Perro de Presa Mallorquin
- (14) Rottweiler

Again, proving pedigree is the owner's responsibility. These dogs must be registered immediately upon arrival in Germany. Registration fees are minimal. However, prior to registering, these breeds must be temperament tested by a German expert for dangerous dogs (addresses below). There is a charge of approximately € 100 - 150, and the dog must be at least nine months old in order to be temperament tested.

c. The local experts for temperament testing of dogs listed in para b. above are:

- (1) Ms. Petra Führmann
Elsässer Str. 6
63739 Aschaffenburg
Phone 06021-20156; Fax 06021-219194
- (2) Mr. Jürgen Fuhrmann
Unterickelsheim 51
97340 Martinsheim
Phone 09339-705; Fax 09339-769; Mobile 0170-237-7705
- (3) Mr. Heinz Fritzmann
Friedrich-Weck-Str. 2
97453 Schonungen
Phone 09721-58291

d. Dogs that pass a temperament test can be registered at the following locations:

- (1) Würzburg - Rathaus
Amt für Öffentliche Ordnung
Rückermainstr. 2
97067 Würzburg
Phone 0931-372695

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- (2) Kitzingen - Rathaus
Rechts- und Ordnungsamt
Kaiserstr. 13
97318 Kitzingen
Phone 09321-20211
- (3) Giebelstadt - Gemeindeverwaltung
Ordnungsamt
Marktplatz 3
97232 Giebelstadt
Phone 09334-80829
- (4) All other communities
Rathaus (City Hall) -
Amt für Öffentliche Ordnung und Umweltfragen

e. Under local law, dog owners may be held strictly liable for the acts of their dogs whether or not the breed is considered dangerous or aggressive. Dog owners may protect themselves by obtaining private liability insurance to cover claims arising from the acts of their dogs. Insurance is recommended for all dog owners. The NATO-SOFA agreement does not exempt U.S. forces personnel from adhering to Bavarian law, or paying respective fines which may vary from town to town.

f. Personnel within the 417th BSB footprint owning a dog of the breeds listed in para b. must take action to immediately test and register their dog as outlined in this policy letter. If the dog falls under para a., or fails the temperament test, then it must be released to a person entitled to have such a dog or the dog will be put to sleep.

5. PROPONENT: 417th BSB Safety Office, DSN 355-1670.


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