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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Policy Letter 11, Importing and Registering Dogs

1. The German Government passed a law in April 2001 that prohibits importing four breeds of dogs and crossbreeds of these dogs into Germany. The four breeds are the pit bull, American Staffordshire terrier, Staffordshire bull terrier, and bull terrier. This law also placed restrictions on several other dog breeds that are considered potentially dangerous. Many other European countries also have restrictions on dangerous dogs.

2. USAREUR personnel who bring a dog to Europe or obtain one while here must register the dog at their supporting military veterinary treatment facility (VTF) within 30 days. Personnel who imported or acquired dogs before the publication date of this memorandum are required to comply within 30 days. Personnel who have dogs that are considered potentially dangerous must comply with host-nation restrictions. All personnel must comply with host-nation laws governing animal welfare.

3. Starting immediately large dogs have to be kept on a leash in all public parks, roads, streets and sidewalks in Kitzingen. According to the law, large dogs are adult dogs with more than 50 centimeters shoulder heights. German Shepard, Doberman, German Great Dane would fall into that category. This decision was reached unanimously by the Kitzingen City Council in their meeting on 31 January 2004. The agreement was that dog owners not abiding by that decision and who do not have their dog on a non-tear or more than three-meter long leash will be given a fine.

The rule applies to all of Kitzingen and its surrounding communities (Hoheim, Hohenfeld, Repperndorf and Sickershausen).

a. Personnel in Germany who had prohibited dogs before April 2001 may keep the dogs (except in Bayern (b below)), but must comply with the new German requirements. These requirements vary with each German State and may include the following:

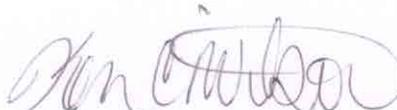
- (1) Proof of pet-owner liability insurance.
- (2) Proof of the owner's competence.
- (3) A record check by the local provost marshal.
- (4) An evaluation of the dog's temperament.
- (5) A photograph of the dog.

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b. Prohibited breeds are not allowed in Bayern under any circumstances.

3. Dog owners who need information on host-nation restrictions should contact their supporting military VTF. U.S. Army veterinary personnel can provide information on dangerous dogs and help personnel register their dogs with local authorities if required by host-nation law. The 100th Medical Detachment website at <http://vets.amedd.army.mil/100th%20bn/index.htm> lists VTF locations and provides more information about dangerous dogs.



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