

INFORMATION PAPER

SUBJECT: Policy on Pit Bulls Residing on Army Installations in Hawaii

1. Purpose. To provide information to Service Members, Family Members, and Organizations on the change of policy of pit bulls authorized on Army installations in Hawaii.
2. Facts.
 - a. Effective 1 December 2004, pit bulls, or any breed thereof are prohibited on 25th ID(L) & USARHAW installations in Hawaii. A pit bull is an American pit bull terrier, Staffordshire terrier, Staffordshire bull terrier, crosses of these breeds, and any other dog with physical characteristics similar to these breeds.
 - b. Army veterinarians will determine if a dog is a pit bull. Original or notarized copies of American or United Kennel Club registrations identifying the dog as a breed other than the prohibited breeds or breed types may serve as proof of owner compliance with this policy.
 - c. Owners of pit bulls located on 25th ID(L) & USARHAW installations prior to the effective date of 1 December 2004 will be allowed to retain their pet(s) until the service member's Date Eligible to Return From Overseas (DEROS) or service equivalent, unless the resident loses pet privileges by direction of the Commander, Oahu Base Support Battalion.
 - d. To obtain the exemption, pet owners must register existing pit bulls or any breed thereof on Army installations in Hawaii with the appropriate Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF) before 1 December 2004. The owner must show a current DoD ID card and animal's vaccination record. The owner should provide the following documents, if applicable: quarantine certificate, microchip implant documentation, spay or neuter documentation, and AKC or UKC papers documenting pet's breed.
 - e. Pit bulls that fall under this exemption and that are permitted to remain on the installation retain the exemption only under the current owner. These exempted pit bulls may not be sold or transferred to another owner residing on these installations after 1 December 2004. The exemption is terminated if the 1 December 2004 owner transfers ownership after that date.
 - f. This policy does not affect access to treatment at VTFs located on Army installations in Hawaii. Exempted pit bulls, as well as registered pit bulls in off-post housing will continue to be seen at Army VTFs.
 - g. The Special Instruction template for Soldiers PCSing to Hawaii has been amended to add this pit bull exclusion policy.
 - h. The VTF is located at Building 936, Duck Road, Schofield Barracks and at Building 435, Pierce Road, Fort Shafter.
 - i. Implementation of the policy is shared with the Oahu Base Support Battalion, the Provost Marshal's Office, and the Central Pacific District Veterinary Headquarters.
 - j. Additional information about responsible pet ownership on Army installations in Hawaii can be found in 25th ID(L) & USARHAW Regulation 210-8 and 25th ID(L) & USARHAW Pamphlet 210-5.
 - k. Failure to comply with this policy may result in loss of eligibility for military quarters or punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.