OTHER POLICIES

Here's some other things you need to know to be a good pet owner on Fort Bliss:

1. Breeding of animals for any purpose is not allowed on post.

2. If you keep pets outdoors, even for a short time, they must be within a fenced yard, dog run, kennel, or other fenced enclosure sufficient to contain them. Keeping pets on a chain or tether staked in the yard or tied to something is prohibited.

3. Your dog and/or cat must be on a leash when exercised off your premises. The person walking the animal must be physically capable of controlling them. Either a retractable leash or a leash no longer than 6 feet should be used.

4. The following locations are Off-limits for pets: public buildings, golf courses, parade grounds and the cemetery, tennis courts, swimming pools, parks and playgrounds, baseball fields, school yards, bachelor enlisted quarters, transient family housing, and temporary and transient officers' quarters.

IF YOU HAVE A PROBLEM REGARDING AN ANIMAL OR PET ON BASE

Call MP Animal Control at 569-2556 or the Military Police Desk at 568-2115/2116.

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WELCOME!

TO FORT BLISS, TEXAS!

We're glad you've joined the Fort Bliss community and we hope you will enjoy your stay here!

This brochure will tell you about the requirements to own and keep a pet on Fort Bliss and what you need to do to be a responsible pet owner.

REGISTRATION OF PETS

USAG Regulation 190-4 Protection and Control of Animals is the regulation that governs animals on Fort Bliss. It applies to all military personnel and their dependents as well as to civilians while they are on the installation.

This regulation requires you to register any pets you are bringing onto Fort Bliss with the Veterinary Treatment Facility (VTF) within five workdays of their arrival or acquisition. This requirement does not apply to small caged rodents (hamsters, gerbils etc), birds, or fish. It does apply to horses coming into the stable.

To register your pet, just bring their records to the VTF at Building 6077 Carter Road (**Ph # 569-2266**). You do not need to bring the pet itself.

VTF Hours of Operation:
Monday thru Thursday
0900-1200 & 1300-1600
Friday
0900-1200 &1300-1500

Closed on weekends, holidays, and the last working day of each month for inventory.

VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

To be registered, your pet must have received the appropriate vaccinations and must be enrolled in a microchip identification program. **Microchipping is mandatory for pets living on Fort Bliss.** The VTF staff can help you determine if your pet meets registration requirements.

Per local statues, all dogs and cats in El Paso, including those on post, must be vaccinated for rabies each year. If you are new to post, this may be a change from your last station. Your pet meets the El Paso requirements if it received a rabies vaccination within the last twelve months at your last assignment. Otherwise, even if it was current by the standards of your previous assignment, it will need a rabies vaccination to be registered on Fort Bliss.

In addition, dogs must have received a complete series of distemper/parvo vaccines and cats must have received a complete series of FVRCP vaccines. **Annual boosters of these vaccinations are required while you are at Fort Bliss.**

NUMBER OF PETS

Fort Bliss allows no more than three dogs and/or cats per family housing unit. Fish, small caged rodents, and birds do not count. Exceptions may be authorized under appropriate circumstances by submitting a memo through the Post Veterinarian to the Chief, Housing Division.

PROHIBITED PETS

Pets other than domestic dogs, cats, horses, small caged rodents, birds and fish are not allowed on Fort Bliss. This includes exotic animals, whether mammals or reptiles, as well as domestic livestock such as goats, sheep, pigs, chickens etc.

As of 12 August 2004, dogs belonging to the following breeds are prohibited from Fort Bliss: Pit Bulls, American Staffordshire Bull Terriers, English Staffordshire Bull Terriers, Rottweilers (full or mixed breed), and wolves and wolf hybrids. If you have questions or need more information on this policy, please contact the VTF or the Housing Office.

SAFETY CONCERNS

The climate in El Paso can require some adjustment for people and pets new to the area. For your pets' safety, do not leave them in enclosed vehicles during warm weather (March thru October) even for a short time. Make sure they always have sufficient water and food when outdoors as well as proper shelter from the sun and weather.