

ON BASE HOUSING PET POLICY

Some but not all on base housing communities allow dogs. The following breeds are prohibited in housing:

Chows, Doberman Pinschers, Presa Canarios, Pit Bulls (American Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier), Rottweiler's, any Wolf Hybrid, or any mix of the aforementioned breeds.

All cats and dogs residing in housing are required to be registered with Kings County, the base veterinary office, and Lincoln Housing. This ensures that lost pets are returned to owners and that animals receive a standard minimum of preventative health care.

The current requirements include:

- 1. PROOF OF CURRENT RABIES VACCINATION** – This is the rabies certificate (not the tag worn on the collar) identifying the animal, the date of vaccination, expiration date, vaccine serial number, etc. The rabies vaccine can only be given by a licensed veterinarian. In California, puppies and kittens must be four (4) months of age to receive this vaccine, The first vaccine is valid up to three (3) years. Laws vary for other states, so be sure to check with your veterinarian when you PCS.
- 2. CURRENT BOOSTER VACCINES** – This includes the yearly distemper/parvovirus combination shot for dogs and yearly distemper combination shots for cats. Puppies and kittens should receive a series of three (3) of these vaccines at eight (8), twelve (12), and sixteen (16) weeks. Call the clinic if you are uncertain about your pet's vaccination history.
- 3. MICROCHIP IDENTIFICATION** – This is the tiny device, about the length of two grains of rice, which is injected under the skin, between the shoulders. No incisions are necessary and the procedure takes just a few seconds. It is a permanent identification method used worldwide by both civilian and military people to assist in returning lost pets to their families. An electronic scanner is passed over the pet's shoulder and if a chip is present that animal's unique number appears. This number can be reported to the vet clinic, which keeps track of all pets' registration on base. Make sure you keep all information accurate with the microchip company.
- 4. A MEDICAL RECORD AT THE VETERINARY TREATMENT FACILITY** – Owners are welcomed to utilize any veterinarian to provide their pet's are as long as a record of current vaccinations is kept at the VTF while the animal resides on base.
- 5. KINGS COUNTY LICENSE** – Dogs are required to have a county license, which can be obtained by taking your dog's current rabies vaccine certificate to the King's County Animal Services, located at 10909 Bonneyview Ln Hanford, Ca. For directions please call 559-582-3211 x2525

If you have any questions about registering your pets, don't hesitate to call the Veterinary Treatment Facility at (559) 998-2753. Hours opened to registering your pets are Wednesday and Friday 0800 – 1100. Hours of operation are: Monday thru Friday 0800– 1200 and 1300 – 1600.