



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

SEP 6 2005

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MEMORANDUM FROM GARRISON COMMANDER

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FOR DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

SUBJECT: Dog Retrieval and Enforcement Policy

1. Dog Retrieval and Enforcement Policy is as follows:

- a. Georgia Code 27-3-17 and the Georgia Hunting Regulation 391-4-2-17 enacted in 2003 have placed increased restrictions on hunting deer with dogs in the state. Among other requirements, Georgia now requires a hunting club to have 1,000 contiguous acres before it can obtain a deer dogging permit for that property. Additionally, hunting clubs are required to keep their hunting dogs on the permitted property or be in violation of the state approved permit. Hunting deer with dogs is not authorized on Fort Stewart. To comply with the 2003 legislation, Fort Stewart revised their dog retrieval policy. To continue to foster good relations with the adjoining law abiding hunting clubs that border Fort Stewart, all such clubs have been advised that Fort Stewart has adopted a policy to assist dog owners in safely retrieving their hunting dogs while still abiding by the spirit of Georgia Code. Under this policy, hunters who believe their dogs have entered Fort Stewart property may retrieve them when accompanied by an escort from the Fort Stewart Conservation Law Enforcement Office. Conservation officers will help locate the hunting dogs. Dog owners may call the Conservation Law Enforcement Office at 767-2353/7577/8519 or Fort Stewart Central at 767-2822/2823 to request help to locate their dogs. All personnel must enter Fort Stewart property through one of the main highway entrance gates or one of the cantonment area gates.
- b. To maintain relations with neighboring dog hunting clubs, the following clean slate policy will be implemented:
 - 1.) The "3 strike" policy remains in effect applicable to any 3 violations incurred within a 24 month period. After a period of 24 months from the earliest violation, the earliest, and only the earliest, violation will be deleted from the individual's record of violations/warnings. In other words, an individual may obtain a clean slate of dog hunting violations on Ft. Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield after a period of 2 years with no violations.
 - 2.) Law Enforcement Officials still retain discretion and may issue citations for the first offense (e.g. subject being belligerent, willful violations or threatening behavior, etc.).

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- 3.) After the second offense within the 2 year period, the following citation fine structure will be used:
 - a. Hunting deer with dogs out of season – GA 27-3-17 (\$250.00)
 - b. Hunting deer with dogs in a closed county/area – GA 27-3-17 (\$250.00)
 - c. Hunting deer with dogs on an unpermitted property – GA 27-3-17 (\$250.00)
 - d. Hunting deer with unmarked dogs – GA 27-3-17 (\$250.00)
 - e. Operating a motor vehicle w/o permit number displayed – GA 27-3-17 (\$100.00)
 - f. Operating a motor vehicle with permit number improperly displayed – GA 27-3-17 (\$100.00)
 - g. Entering or exiting properties w/o written permission – GA 27-1-3 (\$250.00)
 - h. Failure to keep hunting dogs on permitted property – GA 27-1-3 (\$250.00)
 - i. Interference with travel on public road or stream – GA 27-1-3 (\$100.00)
 - j. Non-member hunting deer with dogs w/o written permission 27-1-3 (\$250.00)
 - 4.) The above fine structure will be used for the 3rd and 4th offenses.
 - 5.) The 5th offense will result in doubling the above amounts.
 - 6.) The 6th offense may result in being barred from the Installation (Commanding General's discretion).
2. Point of Contact is Mr. Michael Biering, DPW, telephone 767-8356.



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