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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Cadet Summer Training 2026 (CST26) Policy Memorandum 24 – Service Animal Policy for Soldiers and Department of the Army Civilians

1. References.

- a. Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 USC § 12101 et seq.
- b. 29 CFR 35.136 (Service Animals).
- c. DoDI 1300.27 (Guidelines on the Use of Service Dogs by Service Members).
- d. Army Regulation (AR) 40-905 (Veterinary Health Services).
- e. AR 420-1 (Army Facilities Management)

2. Purpose. To establish policy prohibiting non-service animals from CST training and facilities.

3. Applicability. This policy applies to all military personnel, Department of the Army Civilians, and contractors supporting CST26 while at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

4. Consistent with the references, military, DA civilian, and contractor personnel are prohibited from bringing animals into the CST26 training areas and facilities unless they have an approved reasonable accommodation request specifically for CST26. All requests must be submitted through the immediate supervisor to the Commandant for approval. Cadets are prohibited from bringing animals into the CST26 training areas and facilities.

5. Those who wrongfully bring an animal into a CST26 training area or facility will be asked to remove the animal from the premises. The owner of the animal will be liable for any injuries or damage to government or personal property caused by the animal. Any repair or cleaning/maintenance costs will be charged in full to the owner.

6. Under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which is applicable in the Federal workplace in accordance with the implementing regulations of the Rehabilitation Act, service animals are defined as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform

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tasks for people with disabilities. Service animals are working animals, not pets. The work or task a dog has been trained to provide must be directly related to the person's disability. Emotional support, therapy, comfort, or companion animals are not considered service animals under the ADA.

7. Any individual with a complaint regarding an animal in the CST26 training area or facilities may bring the matter to the attention of their immediate supervisor. The immediate supervisor must contact the CST S-1 and Legal Advisor for guidance.

8. The points of contact for this memorandum are CPT Jacob Bishop, CST Legal Advisor, at jacob.a.bishop9.mil@army.mil, or Ms. Kerri-Ann Stewart, Labor Attorney, at kerri-ann.m.stewart.civ@army.mil.

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