



United States Army Europe Regional Veterinary Command



Restriction on dangerous dog breeds in Germany



[American Pit Bull Terrier](#)



[American Staffordshire Terrier](#)



[Bull Terrier](#)



[Staffordshire Bull Terrier](#)

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As of April 12, 2001, the importation of four dog breeds – American Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Bull Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier – and crosses of these breeds is prohibited in Germany. U.S. personnel who own one of the above breeds cannot bring their pets with them if they PCS to Germany. This ban applies to all US personnel PCSing to Germany. England, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Turkey also have restrictions on various breeds. Personnel who try to bring one of the banned breeds into the country can be fined or imprisoned. The prohibited dog will be confiscated and may be euthanized.

Several other breeds are considered potentially dangerous. These breeds may be subject to certain restrictions, such as:

- (a) Written evaluation of the dog's temperament
- (b) Written proof of the owner's competence to handle the dog
- (c) Written results of a Provost Marshal's record check documenting "personal reliability"
- (d) Written proof of liability insurance, valid in Germany

Additional information is available at the German Customs office website http://www.zoll.de/english_version/a0_passenger_traffic/e0_vub/h0_dangerous_dogs/index.html

If you have questions after reviewing the consular website above, contact your local military Veterinary Treatment Facility or email the U.S. Army Europe Regional Veterinary Command in Germany – ervcwebm@eur.army.mil.