ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AND ADEQUATE VETERINARY CARE.

A note in the medical record for animal 34133 indicated that there had been prior incidents of vomiting, however, the specific incidents were not recorded in the records and therefore not communicated in a timely and accurate manner to the veterinary staff. Further, caretakers reported that the mechanism by which they can report details or characteristics of an animal's vomiting and/or vomit is not always effective, and there were reportedly several occasions in which the veterinary staff could not observe animals vomit because the animals cages were cleaned prior to the veterinary staff being able to make observations. Additionally, while anesthetized on March 15, 2006 for an endoscopic procedure, animal 34133 was discovered to have an injury that required amputation of one digit of the left foot, and suturing of another digit. There was no record or documentation of this injury prior to the procedure.

Due to the large number of animals at this facility, accurate written daily records that communicate the animals conditions are essential to ensure adequate veterinary care. An effective mechanism must be in place to ensure that observations by caretakers are communicated directly to the veterinary staff in order to ensure that problems of animal health, behavior, and well being are conveyed to the attending veterinarian in a timely and accurate manner.

Corrections: A more complete system of communications by animal care and veterinary staff are to be instituted on all new medial, behavioral, and well being notations recorded and/or observed immediately.

AMENDED REPORT: "CORRECTION" PARAGRAPH WAS NOT INCLUDED IN PREVIOUS REPORT