

VETERINARY CARE RECORDS	The research facility must maintain records relating to the veterinary care of the animals at the facility.
Required Records	<p>A research facility must maintain the following veterinary care records for all regulated animals, when applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • written Program of Veterinary Care for part-time or consulting attending veterinarian [2.33(a)(1)] • attending veterinarian or IACUC approved exceptions/exemptions to the regulations/standards • acclimation statements for transportation
Species Specific	<p>Dogs & Cats In addition to the required records listed above, the following veterinary care records are required for dogs and cats, when applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • exercise plan for dogs [3.8] • outdoor housing approval [3.4(a)] • health certificate for transport [2.38(h)] <p>Nonhuman Primates In addition to the required records listed above, the following veterinary care records are required for nonhuman primates, when applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • environmental enhancement plan [3.81] • outdoor housing approval [3.78(a)] • health certificates for transport [2.38(h)] <p>Marine Mammals In addition to the required records listed above, the following veterinary care records are required for marine mammals, when applicable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • water quality records [3.106] • individual marine mammal health records [3.110(d)] • necropsy records [3.110(g)] • health certificates for transport [3.112(a)]

**Recommended
Records**

A research facility should maintain the following records as a part of good animal husbandry practices:

- health records [Policy #3]
- surgery records [2.33(b)(2)]
- necropsy records [2.33(b)(2), Policy 21 & Policy 22]
- large felids non-commercial diet approval by attending veterinarian [Policy #25]

NOTE: These records are not specifically required by the AWA regulations and standards, except for marine mammals. Therefore, a lack of any of these records or inadequacy of these records may not be cited as a stand-alone violation, except for marine mammals.

The citation of inadequate veterinary care for a sick animal may include a reference to the lack or inadequacy of veterinary care records, if appropriate.

Additional non-required records which may be helpful in assessing veterinary care include, but are not limited to:

- animal logs
- cage wash validation sheets
- medical records related to protocols
- room maintenance logs
- standards operating procedures, if available
- surgical records related to protocols
- record of attending veterinarian's visits (see sample signature sheet on page 15.6.6)