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TRADEMARKS ONLY

To the Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks: Please record the attached original documents or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies): **Veterinary Management Company, Inc.**

- Individual(s)
- General Partnership
- Corporation-State of California
- Other

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached  Yes  No

3. Nature of Conveyance:

- Assignment
- Security Agreement
- Merger
- Change of Name

Execution Date: July 1, 1997

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

Name: National PetCare Centers, Inc.

Internal Address: N/A

Street Address: 3540 JFK Parkway

City: Fort Collins State: Colorado ZIP: 80525

- Individual(s) citizenship
- Association
- General Partnership
- Limited Partnership
- Corporation - State of Delaware
- Other

If assignee is not domiciled in the United States, a domestic representative designation is attached:  
 Yes  No

(Designations must be a separate document from Assignment)

Additional name(s) & address(es) attached:  Yes  No

4. Application number(s) or registration number(s):  
A. Trademark Application No.(s)

B. Trademark registration No.(s)

U.S. Registration No. 1,977,442  
U.S. Registration No. 2,141,210

Additional numbers attached? Yes  No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:  
Name: SANTANGELO LAW OFFICES, P.C.

Internal Address: N/A  
Street Address: 128 S. HAWES, Third Floor  
City: Fort Collins State: Colorado ZIP: 80521

6. Total number of applications and registrations involved: 2

7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41) \$ 80.00  
 Enclosed

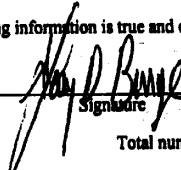
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8. Deposit account number: \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Statement and signature.  
To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Gary D. Burge, President  
Name of Person Signing

  
Signature

1/31/01  
Date

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND  
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02-20-2001

U.S. Patent & TMO/TM Mail Rpt Ct. 771

In Re the Trademark Registrations of: **Veterinary Management Company, Inc.,  
predecessor by merger with National PetCare  
Centers, Inc.**

Trademark Registration Numbers: **1,977,442 and 2,141,210**

Serial Numbers: **74/596,150 and 74/595,828**

Registered: **May 28, 1996 and March 3, 1998**

For: **Recordation of Ownership Merger for Trademarks -- NATIONAL PETCARE CENTERS  
and NPC**

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**LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL**

**Box ASSIGNMENT - FEE  
Assistant Commissioner for Trademarks  
2900 Crystal Drive  
Arlington, Virginia 22202-3513**

Sir:

Transmitted for filing are the following: 1) an Affidavit of Merger regarding the ownership of U.S. trademark registration no. 1,977,442; 2) a supporting copy of the Certificate of Merger and authentication thereof; 3) an Affidavit of Merger regarding the ownership of U.S. trademark registration no. 2,141,210; 4) a supporting copy of the Certificate of Merger and authentication thereof; 5) a Recordation Form Cover Sheet covering both of the above-referenced trademark registrations; 6) a check in the amount of \$80.00, made payable to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, for the required recording fees (\$40.00 each); 7) a Certificate of Mailing; and 8) this Letter of Transmittal, with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Box ASSIGNMENT - FEE, Assistant Commissioner for Trademarks, 2900 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA, 22202-3513. Please confirm receipt of these documents by applying your date stamp on the enclosed postcard and returning it to me.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 2.18, please direct all correspondence in the matter to me at the following address:

**Santangelo Law Offices, P.C.  
125 South Howes, Third Floor  
Fort Collins, Colorado 80521**

**TRADEMARK  
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I have this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2001, either myself personally or through my direction of staff at this office, deposited all of the items in the above Letter of Transmittal with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Box ASSIGNMENT - FEE, Assistant Commissioner for Trademarks, 2900 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3513.

Dated this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2001.

Respectfully Submitted,

SANTANGELO LAW OFFICES, P.C.

By: Cheryl Anderson-Siler

Cheryl Anderson-Siler  
ATTORNEY FOR REGISTRANT  
125 South Howes, Third Floor  
Fort Collins, CO 80521  
(970) 224-3100

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND  
TRADEMARK OFFICE  
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In Re the Trademark Registration of:      Veterinary Management Company, Inc.,  
predecessor by merger with National PetCare  
Centers, Inc.

Trademark Registration Number:            1,977,442

Serial Number:                                74/596,150

Registered:                                    May 28, 1996

For:    Trademark -- NATIONAL PETCARE CENTERS

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**AFFIDAVIT OF MERGER**

I, Gary Burge, as president of National PetCare Centers, Inc., having been warned that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this document, declare that:

On July 1, 1997, Veterinary Management Company, Inc. (the Trademark Office's Registrant of record in the above referenced registration) was formally merged with Animal Medical and Surgical Hospital, Inc. and NPC General Partner, Inc. yielding the resulting corporation, National PetCare Centers, Inc., a Delaware corporation. The assets of the Registrant were absorbed by the resulting corporation, including the above referenced trademark registration. A copy of the Certificate of Merger issued by the Delaware Secretary of State evidencing the merger and resulting corporation is attached hereto and incorporated by reference. National PetCare Centers, Inc. is and continues to be the rightful owner of the above captioned trademark registration.

DATED this 31 day of January, 2001.

  
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Gary D. Burge, President

**TRADEMARK  
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )  
 )  
STATE OF COLORADO ) ss.  
 )  
COUNTY OF LARIMER )

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to or AFFIRMED before me in the County of Larimer, State of Colorado, United States of America, by Gary Burge this 31 day of January, 2001.

WITNESS my hand and official seal pursuant to the authority vested in me as a Notary Public by the State of Colorado.

Sally J. Stewart  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: 7/18/04



MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:  
July 18, 2004

**TRADEMARK**  
**REEL: 002244 FRAME: 0671**

**Office of the Secretary of State**

I, EDWARD J. FREEL, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF MERGER, WHICH MERGES:

"ANIMAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL HOSPITAL, INC.", A TEXAS CORPORATION,

"VETERINARY MANAGEMENT COMPANY, INC.", A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION,

WITH AND INTO "NPC GENERAL PARTNER, INC." UNDER THE NAME OF "NATIONAL PETCARE CENTERS, INC.", A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, AS RECEIVED AND FILED IN THIS OFFICE THE TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF JUNE, A.D. 1997, AT 8 O'CLOCK P.M..



*Edward J. Freel*

Edward J. Freel, Secretary of State

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AUTHENTICATION:

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DATE:

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OF CORPORATIONS  
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**CERTIFICATE OF MERGER  
OF  
ANIMAL MEDICAL AND SURGICAL HOSPITAL, INC.  
AND  
VETERINARY MANAGEMENT COMPANY, INC.  
INTO  
NPC GENERAL PARTNER, INC.**

**(UNDER SECTION 252 OF THE GENERAL  
CORPORATION LAW OF DELAWARE)**

**NPC GENERAL PARTNER, INC., a Delaware corporation, hereby certifies that:**

**I.**

The name and state or jurisdiction of incorporation of each of the constituent corporations is as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>STATE OF INCORPORATION</u>
Animal Medical and Surgical Hospital, Inc.	Texas
Veterinary Management Company, Inc.	California
NPC General Partner, Inc.	Delaware

**II.**

An agreement of merger (captioned "Agreement and Plan of Reorganization") has been approved, adopted, certified, examined and acknowledged by each of Animal Medical and Surgical Hospital, Inc., Veterinary Management Company, Inc. and NPC General Partner, Inc. in accordance with the provisions of Section 252(c) of the General Corporation Law of Delaware.

**III.**

NPC General Partner, Inc. will be the surviving corporation and the name of such surviving corporation after such merger shall be National PetCare Centers, Inc. The surviving corporation is a Delaware corporation.

**IV.**

The Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of NPC General Partner, Inc. attached hereto as Exhibit A shall be the Certificate of Incorporation of the surviving corporation.

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V.

The executed Agreement and Plan of Reorganization is on file at an office of NPC General Partner, Inc. The address of that office of NPC General Partner, Inc. is 736 Whalers Way, Building P, Fort Collins, Colorado 80525.

VI.

A copy of the Agreement and Plan of Reorganization will be furnished by NPC General Partner, Inc. on request and without cost, to (i) any stockholder of NPC General Partner, Inc.; (ii) any shareholder of Animal Medical and Surgical Hospital, Inc.; or (iii) any shareholder of Veterinary Management Company, Inc.

VII.

As to each of Animal Medical and Surgical Hospital, Inc. and Veterinary Management Company, Inc., the authorized capital stock is as follows:

<u>NAME OF CORPORATION</u>	<u>NUMBER OF SHARES OF COMMON STOCK AUTHORIZED</u>	<u>PAR VALUE</u>
Animal Medical and Surgical Hospital, Inc.	100,000	\$10
Veterinary Management Company, Inc.	1,000,000	No Par Value.

VIII.

The time and date on which the merger shall become effective is 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 1997.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, NPC General Partner, Inc. has caused this Certificate of  
Merger to be executed by the undersigned officer as of the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1997.

NPC GENERAL PARTNER, INC.

By: [Signature]  
Name: P. BRUCE THOMAS  
Title: Secretary

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND  
TRADEMARK OFFICE  
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In Re the Trademark Registration of:      Veterinary Management Company, Inc., predecessor  
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Trademark Registration Number:            2,141,210

Serial Number:                                74/595,828

Registered:                                    March 3, 1998

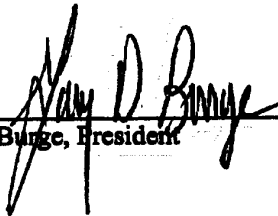
For:    Trademark -- NPC

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DATED this 31 day of January, 2001.

  
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Gary D. Burge, President

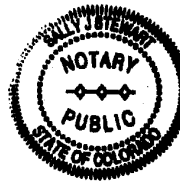
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )  
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STATE OF COLORADO ) ss.  
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COUNTY OF LARIMER )

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to or AFFIRMED before me in the County of Larimer, State of Colorado, United States of America, by Gary Burge this 31 day of January, 2001.

WITNESS my hand and official seal pursuant to the authority vested in me as a Notary Public by the State of Colorado.

Sally J Stewart  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: 7/18/04



MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:  
July 18, 2004

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*Edward J. Freel*  
Edward J. Freel, Secretary of State

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AUTHENTICATION:

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DATE:

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**CERTIFICATE OF MERGER  
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**IV.**

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**TRADEMARK  
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## V.

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## VIII.

The time and date on which the merger shall become effective is 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 1997.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, NPC General Partner, Inc. has caused this Certificate of  
Merge to be executed by the undersigned officer as of the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1997.

NPC GENERAL PARTNER, INC.

By: [Signature]  
Name: P. Bruce Thomas  
Title: Secretary

RECORDED: 02/20/2001

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