



## Drug Database System Established

The first comprehensive system that organizes pharmaceutical and biological information for veterinarians on microfiche has been introduced by Anacomp, Inc., a leading information data base systems developer. The program, called Animal Health Information System (AHIS), is based on the continually updated drug formulary prepared by the College of Veterinary Medicine at Cornell University, which includes current research, clinicians' experience, journal articles, texts, handbooks, and manufacturer's information, for a total of 26 sources in all.

AHIS covers 550 pharmaceutical and 30 biological agents listed alphabetically by name under 160 therapeutic action categories, such as vaccines, nutrients, and antibiotics. The following information appears for each drug listed: generic name, description (antibiotic, anesthetic, etc.), form (tablet, injection, etc.), dosage by species, common trade names and manufacturers, warnings, notes, and reactions. Each entry also states the bibliographical code for further study when needed. The program comes on 20 microfiche cards that allow almost 100 pages of data to be presented on

each postcard-size piece of film. The fiche are easily read in a viewer that enlarges and projects them on a TV-like screen.

AHIS is a time saver for doctors and staff since the information they need is right at their fingertips and eliminates the need to ponder package inserts or search through libraries. It is far more comprehensive than standard desk references and more current, since it is updated quarterly. The viewer takes no more room than a typewriter. The Animal Health Information System consists of 20 microfiche; an NMI 75<sup>R</sup> Microfiche Reader, with a quick-change 24X lens, an 11<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>" x 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" non-glare screen, extra bulb, dual fiche carriage, cleaning kit, dust cover, instruction manual, and a 12-month warranty; a compact fiche storage panel; and a three-ring binder.

Subscribers are also eligible for other programs that are now under development, including such topics as a monthly drug pricing system, toxicology, surgical procedures, and continuing education. For more information on AHIS, write or call Anacomp, Inc., Department 149, 1245 Forest Avenue, Suite 2, Des Plaines, IL 60018. Telephone 312/296-0310.