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FLORIDA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

OASIS RANCH, INC.

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Of

OASIS RANCH, INC.,

A FLORIDA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

ARTICLE ONE

The name of this corporation shall be:

OASIS RANCH, INC.

ARTICLE TWO

Principal Office and Address

The address of the principal office of the corporation is: 4161 Northwest 43rd Street, Coconut Creek, Florida 33073 and the mailing address of the corporation is the same.

ARTICLE THREE

Duration

The term of existence of the Corporation is perpetual, and the corporate existence will commence on the filing of these articles by the Department of State.

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ARTICLE FOUR

Purposes

The purposes for which this corporation is formed are:

- (1) (a) To own and operate a non-kill sanctuary in Broward County, Florida, for the care, treatment and maintenance of neglected, abused, injured, infirm, sick, afflicted, and disabled animals, particularly horses and cats, exclusively for charitable purposes.
 - (b) To rehabilitate and place for adoption such animals as are mentioned in paragraph (1) (a) above as may be adoptable.
 - (c) To maintain in good comfort and care any such animals as are mentioned in paragraph (1) (a) as may not be adoptable.
 - (d) To educate the public on the importance of the humane treatment of animals through the production and distribution of printed materials as well as audio, visual, electronic and other media for communication and create public awareness by such means.
- (2) Generally to have and exercise all rights and powers conferred on nonprofit corporations under the laws of Florida, or which may hereafter be conferred, including the power to contract, rent, buy, or sell personal, or real property; provided, however, that this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the primary purpose of this corporation.

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Restrictions on Corporate Purpose

- (1) The purposes for which the corporation is organized are to receive and maintain real or personal property, or both, and, subject to the restrictions and limitations hereinafter set forth, to use and apply the whole or any part of the income therefrom and the principal thereof exclusively for charitable, religious, scientific, literary, or educational purposes either directly or by contributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations issued pursuant thereto as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.
- No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any Director, Officer, or member of the corporation, or any other private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation, and reasonable expenses may be paid thereto, affecting one or more of the corporation's purposes), and no director or officer of the corporation, or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporation assets on dissolution of the corporation. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall include the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall neither participate nor intervene (including the

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publication or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, at any time.

- (3) The corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- (4) The corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- (5) The corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- (6) The corporation shall not make any investments in such a manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- (7) The corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.
- (8) Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by any organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations issued

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pursuant thereto as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code and the Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

(9) Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such a manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as the Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

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ARTICLE FIVE

Directors

The Corporation shall have not less than five (5) directors, the exact number of which shall be set forth in the bylaws. The method of election of the directors of the Corporation shall be set forth in the bylaws.

Initial Directors

The initial directors of the Corporation and their addresses are as follows:

1.	Elizabeth L. Pizzarello	4161 N.W. 43rd Street
		Coconut Creek, Florida 33073

2.	William Boivin	4161 N.W. 43rd Street
		Coconut Creek, Florida 33073

3.	Dr. Arthur Keiser	c/o Keiser College
		1500 N.W. 49th Street
	•	Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309

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4.	Carol Ebert	c/o Florida Humane Society
		1925 W. Hillsboro Boulevard
		Deerfield Beach, Florida 33442
		All mail to:
		1520 S.E. 14th Court
		Deerfield Beach, Florida 33441

5. Kathy McKenzie c/o BellSouth
6451 N. Federal Highway, Suite 113
Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33308

ARTICLE SIX

Members

The corporation shall have members in such class or classes as may be set forth in the bylaws. The qualifications for members shall be set forth in the bylaws.

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ARTICLE SEVEN

Registered Office and Agent

The initial registered office of the Corporation shall be located at: 4161 Northwest 43rd Street, Coconut Creek, Florida 33073. The initial registered agent of the Corporation at that address shall be ELIZABETH L. PIZZARELLO.

ARTICLE EIGHT

Incorporator

The name and residence address of the incorporator are:

Name

Address

ELIZABETH L. PIZZARELLO

4161 Northwest 43rd Street, Coconut Creek, Florida 33073

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have subscribed my name this <u>30</u> day of June 2000.

ELIZABETH L. PIZZARELLO, Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF BROWARD

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The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this <u>30</u> day of July, 2000 by ELIZABETH L. PIZZARELLO, who is personally known to me or who has produced a driver's license as identification.

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My Commission expires:

ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION AS REGISTERED AGENT

THE UNDERSIGNED, having been appointed as Registered Agent for the above named Corporation, hereby consents to said appointment and agrees to serve as same for said Corporation.

ELIZABETH L. PIZZARELLO

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF BROWARD

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The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this <u>30</u> day of July, 2000 by ELIZABETH L. PIZZARELLO, who is personally known to me or who has produced a driver's license as identification.

Frederick a fffe, Notary Public Signature

My Commission expires:



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