1634 Pine Tree Road Steinhatchee, FL 32359

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Florida Department of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, Florida 32314 000004611710--7 -09/26/01--01031--003 \*\*\*\*\*\*70.00 \*\*\*\*\*\*70.00

Re: Paws of Steinhatchee, Inc..

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed are the original and one copy of the articles of incorporation for the above-named proposed Florida not for profit corporation. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$70.00, representing the fees for filing in this matter.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Katherine Bains
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# NOT FOR PROFIT ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION SEP 26 AM 9: 44 for SECRETARY OF STATE

PAWS of STEINHATCHEE, Inc.

SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The undersigned incorporator to these Not for Profit Articles of Incorporation, a natural person competent to contract, hereby forms a corporation for profit pursuant to the Florida General Corporation Act, as particularly set forth in Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes.

### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the corporation is PAWS of STEINHATCHEE, Inc.

### **ARTICLE II - NATURE OF BUSINESS**

This corporation is organized for the purpose of raising, collecting and distributing funds and providing education to cause or facilitate the sterilizing of family dogs and cats or stray dogs and cats in the Steinhatchee/ Jena, Florida area, and transacting any or all lawful business, including but not limited to:

- (a) To acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise, lands and interest in lands, and to own, hold, improve, develop and manage any real estate so acquired, and to erect, or cause to be erected, on any lands owned, held or occupied by the corporation, buildings or other structures, public or private, with their appurtenances and to manage, operate, lease, rent, rebuild, enlarge, alter or improve any buildings or other structures, now or hereafter erected on any lands so owned, held or occupied and to encumber or dispose of any lands or interests in lands and any buildings or other structures, at any time owned or held by the corporation. To buy, sell, mortgage, exchange, lease, hold for investment or otherwise, use and operate real estate of all kinds, improved or unimproved, and any right or interest therein.
- (b) To acquire by purchase, lease, manufacture, or otherwise, any personal property deemed necessary or useful in the equipment, furnishing or improvement, development or management of any property, real or personal, at any time owned, held or occupies by the corporation, and to invest, trade or deal in any personal property deemed beneficial to the corporation and to lease, rent, encumber or dispose of any personal property at any time owned or held by the corporation.
- (c) To contract debts and borrow money, issue and sell or pledge bonds, debentures, notes or other evidences of indebtedness and to execute such mortgages, transfers or corporate property, or other instruments to secure the payment of corporate indebtedness as required.

- (d) To purchase the corporate assets of any other corporation and engage in the same or other character of business.
- (e) To guarantee, endorse, purchase, hold, sell, transfer, mortgage, pledge or otherwise acquire or dispose of the shares of the capital stock, or any bonds, securities, or other evidences of indebtedness created by another corporation of the State of Florida or any other state or government and while owner of such stock, to exercise all the rights, powers and privileges of ownership, including the right to vote such stock.
- (f) To enter into, make, perform and carry out contracts and agreements of every kind, for any lawful purpose, without limit as to amount, with any person, firm, association or corporation; and to transact any further and other business necessarily connected with the purposes of this corporation or calculated to facilitate the same.
- (g) To carry on any or all of its operations and businesses and to promote its objects within the State of Florida or elsewhere, without restriction as to place or amount; and to have, use, exercise and enjoy all of the general powers of like corporations.
  - (h) To engage in any and all lawful businesses, trades, occupations and professions.
- (I) To do any or all of the things herein set forth to the same extent as natural persons might or could do and in any part of the world as principals, agents, contractors or otherwise, alone, or in company with others and to do and perform all other things and acts as may be necessary, profitable or expedient in carrying on any of the business or acts named above.

The intention is that none of the objects and powers as herein above set forth, except where otherwise specified in this Article, shall be in any wise limited or restricted by reference to or inference from the terms of any other objects, powers or clauses of this Article or any other Articles; but that the objects and powers specified in each of the clauses in this article shall be regarded as independent objects and powers.

#### ARTICLE III - ADDRESS

The initial street address of the principal office of this corporation is to be at 1634 Pine Tree Road, Steinhatchee, FL 32359. The Board of Directors may from time to time designate such other address and place for the principal office of this corporation as it may see fit.

### ARTICLE IV - TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

### ARTICLE V - DIRECTORS

The business and the affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors, which shall be elected by the members vested with the right to vote and serve as provided in the By-Laws. The number of the members of the Board of Directors may either be increased or decreased from time to time by the By-Laws, but shall never be less than three (3). The corporation shall have three (3) directors initially.

### ARTICLE VI - INITIAL DIRECTORS

The names and street addresses of the first Board of Directors who shall hold their office until their successors are elected and have qualified, are as follows:

Sandy White PO Box 544 Steinhatchee, FL 32359
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# <u> ARTICLE VII - INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT</u>

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is 1634 Pine Tree Road Steinhatchee, FL 32359, and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation is Katherine Bains.

# ARTICLE VIII - EFFECTIVE DATE

These Not for Profit Articles of Incorporation shall be effective and the corporation's existence shall begin when these Not for Profit Articles of Incorporation are acknowledged.

## ARTICLE X - BY-LAWS

The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal By-Laws shall be vested in the Board of Directors and the members vested with the power to vote pursuant to the By-Laws of the corporation.

# ARTICLE XIV - INDEMNIFICATION

This corporation shall indemnify any officer or director or any former officer or director to the extent permitted by law.

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PAWS of Steinhatchee, Inc.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, acknowledged and filed A the foregoing Not for Profit Articles of Incorporation under the laws of the State of Florida, this day of September, 2001.

Katherine Bains, Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF PASCO TAYLOR

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day personally appeared before me, an officer duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, Katherine Bains, that I relied upon the following form of identification of the above-named person: Fl Driver's Lic.: 65-30-517-32-787-0 and who executed the foregoing instrument, and she acknowledged before me the matters and things contained in the above and foregoing are true and correct, and that an oath was taken.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this day of

September, A.D., 2001.

NOTARY SIGNATURE

MARY PHILMON
MY COMMISSION # CC 901761
EXPIRES: May 13, 2004
Bonded Thru Notary Public Underwriters

### ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION AS REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for this corporation, at the place designated in the certificate, I hereby accept the appointment and agree to act in this capacity and to comply with the provisions of Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, a copy of which has been provided for me, relative to keeping open said office

Katherine Bains Registered Agent