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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation shall be: P.A.W.S. Project, Inc.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE

ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal street address is 440 SE 13th Avenue, Cape Coral, Florida 33990.

The mailing address is 440 SE 13th Avenue, Cape Coral, Florida 33990.

ARTICLE III **PURPOSE**

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that also qualify as Section 501(c)(3) exempt organizations. To this end, the corporation shall be proactive to prevent animals from being surrendered to shelters by assisting families in temporary need with food, supplies, and veterinary care; educate the community on the life long commitment of pet ownership; and match pet owners with community volunteers to assist with special needs with the goal of preventing animals from being surrendered. All funds, whether income or principal, and whether acquired by gift or contribution or otherwise, shall be devoted to said purposes.

MANNER OF ELECTION

Board membership shall be elected by a majority vote, in accordance to the corporation's bylaws.

ARTICLE V BENEFIT

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidates for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

DISSOLUTION ARTICLE VI

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction 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 said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE VII	INI	TIAL	DIREC	TORS.	AND/OR	OF	FICERS

Anita Simmons, Chair 2010 SE 29th Lane

Cape Coral, Florida 33904

Claudia Schollenberger, Treasurer

201 SW 42nd Terrace Cape Coral, Florida 33914

Elizabeth Smith, DVM **400 Norwood Court**

Fort Myers, Florida 33919

Kirsten Thompson, Secretary 440 SE 13th Avenue

Cape Coral, Florida 33990

Eileyn Sobeck-Bador 1422 SW 18th Street Cape Coral, Florida 33991

Karin Evans 3224 SW 11th Place Cape Coral, Florida 33914

INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is: Kirsten Thompson, 440 SE 13th Avenue, Cape Coral, Florida 33990.

INCORPORATOR ARTICLE IX

The name and address of the Incorporator is: Anita Simmons, 2010 SE 29th Lane, Cape Coral, Florida 33904.

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

 $\frac{6/21/08}{\text{Date}}$ Signature/Registered Agent Kirsten Thompson

Signature/Incorporator