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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF
ZOE'S ANIMALS HAVE SOUL, INC.

The undersigned incorporator to these articles of incorporation ("Articles") hereby subscribes these Articles to form a corporation (the "Corporation") not-for-profit under the Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation Act and other laws of the State of Florida (Florida Statutes Chapter 617).

ARTICLE I
Name and Address

The name of the Corporation is Zoe's Animals Have Soul, Inc. and the street address of the initial principal office is 401 E. Jackson St., Suite 3100, Tampa, Florida 33602. The mailing address is 401 E. Jackson St., Suite 3100, Tampa, Florida 33602. The board of directors ("Board") may from time to time change the principal office or mailing address of the Corporation to any other address in the State of Florida.

ARTICLE II
Purposes

The purposes for which the Corporation is formed are exclusively educational and charitable within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law (the "Code") and the purposes of the Corporation are limited exclusively to the educational and charitable purposes set forth below. In carrying out such purposes, this Corporation shall have all of the powers and authorities granted by statute and law, including the power and authority to accept gifts, devises and other contributions for educational and charitable purposes, to hold and administer the funds and properties received and to expend, contribute and otherwise dispose of funds or properties for educational and charitable purposes either directly or by contribution to other Section 501(c)(3) organizations organized and operated exclusively for educational and charitable purposes; provided, however, said powers and authorities shall be exercised only in furtherance of educational and charitable purposes. The purpose of this Corporation is to prevent cruelty to animals, as contemplated by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. In furtherance of its exempt purpose, the Corporation shall carry out and support programs to support the humane treatment of stray or feral cats, including by trapping, neutering, vaccinating and treating such cats with the objective of facilitating the placement of such cats in suitable homes.

ARTICLE III
Powers

The Corporation shall have the power, either directly or indirectly, either alone or in conjunction or in cooperation with others, to do any and all lawful acts and things and to engage in any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, desirable, suitable or proper for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering or attainment of any or all of the purposes for which the Corporation is organized, and to aid or assist other organizations whose activities are such as to further accomplish, foster or attain any of such purposes. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Corporation shall exercise only such powers as are set forth in furtherance of the exempt purposes of organizations set forth in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and its regulations as the same now exist or as they may be hereafter amended from time to time.

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**ARTICLE IV
Board of Directors**

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board, members of which shall be elected annually in accordance with the bylaws. The number of directors shall be fixed as set forth in the bylaws of the Corporation but shall never be less than three (3). The names and addresses of the initial members of the Board, consisting of those persons who shall serve until their successors are duly elected and qualified, shall be as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Cira Traber	3203 Bayshore Blvd., #1402 Tampa, FL 33629
Christiane Ruggiero	13703 Richmond Park Dr., N Unit 2663 Jacksonville, FL 32224
Melissa Stizman	420 Tanglewood Dr. Anderson, SC 29623
Sarah Page	117 Hudson Circle Anderson, SC 29625

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**ARTICLE V
Officers**

The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as may be provided by the bylaws. Officers shall be elected annually by the Board at its annual meeting. The names of the persons who are to serve as officers of the Corporation until the first meeting of the Board are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
Cira Traber	President
Cira Traber	Secretary
Cira Traber	Treasurer

**ARTICLE VI
Incorporator**

The name of the incorporator is Cira Traber. The street address of the incorporator is 3203 Bayshore Blvd., #1402, Tampa, FL 33629.

**ARTICLE VII
Initial Registered Office and Agent**

The street address of the initial registered office of this Corporation is 401 E. Jackson St., Suite 3100, Tampa, Florida 33602 and the name of the initial registered agent at such address is Chestnut Business Services, LLC.

ARTICLE VIII
Bylaws

The Board shall provide such Bylaws for the conduct of its business and the carrying out of its purposes as they may deem necessary from time to time.

ARTICLE IX
Amendments

Amendments to these Articles shall be proposed by the officers of the Corporation and approved by the Board by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum present at a meeting duly called in accordance with the Bylaws of the Corporation.

ARTICLE X
Limitations on Actions

All of the assets and earnings of the Corporation shall be used exclusively for the exempt purposes hereinabove set forth, including the payment of expenses incidental thereto. No part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or any other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make distributions and payments in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 3 hereof. No substantial part of the Corporation's activity shall be for the carrying on of a program of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in or interfere with (including the publication or distribution of statements regarding) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code or any organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code. The Corporation shall have no capital stock, pay no dividends, distribute no part of its net income or assets to any members, Directors or officers.

Although the Corporation is not intended to be a private foundation, as defined in Section 509(a) of the Code, without limitation of the generality of the foregoing paragraph, during such time as the Corporation may be determined to be a private foundation, it shall not:

- (i) fail to distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Code;
- (ii) engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Code;
- (iii) retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Code;
- (iv) make any investment in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Code; or
- (v) make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Code.

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ARTICLE XI
Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, all of its assets remaining after payment of or provision for all liabilities of the Corporation, including costs and expenses of such dissolution, shall be utilized exclusively for the exempt purposes of the Corporation or distributed to an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) or 170(c)(2) of the Code, as shall be selected by the last Board. None of the assets will be distributed to any member, officer or director of this Corporation. Any 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 said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE XII
Term of Existence

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator executed these Articles of Incorporation this 8th day of August, 2023.

Cira Truber

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Cira Truber, Incorporator

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ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the within-named Corporation, at the place designated hereinabove, the undersigned hereby accepts the designation to act in this capacity, and agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of his duties and acknowledges that he is familiar with and accepts the obligations of his position as registered agent.

Registered Agent:

Chesnut Business Services, LLC,
a Florida limited liability company

Date: August 8, 2023

By: _____
Patrick Traber, Vice President

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