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Division of Corporations
P. O. Box 6327
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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not For Profit)

#### ARTICLE I -- NAME

The name of the Corporation shall be: Suncoast Serpentarium Inc.

### ARTICLE II -- PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be: Suncoast Serpentarium, 3101 25<sup>th</sup> Street North, St Petersburg FL 33713.

#### ARTICLE III -- PURPOSE

The purpose for which the Corporation is organized is: exclusively for charitable, scientific and educational purposes, and for the prevention of cruelty to animals, within the meaning of Section 501<c><3> of the Internal Revenue Code, more specifically to educate the public on the ecology, biology, and care of reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates, to carry out scientific research into the herpetofauna of Florida and the

Tampa Bay region and into the techniques of reptile, amphibian and invertebrate husbandry, and to work for the prevention of cruelty to animals by serving as a rescue center for unwanted and abused reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates, and by disseminating information to the public concerning proper husbandry and care of reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates.

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. 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 to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth here.

#### ARTICLE IV - MANNER OF ELECTION

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed: Elected by majority vote of the current Board of Directors.

# ARTICLE V - INITIAL DIRECTORS/OFFICERS

The name and addresses:

John Swartz, Chairman 13106 Royal George Ave Oddessa FL 33556

Lenny Flank, Jr., Vice Chairman 3101 25<sup>th</sup> Street North St Petersburg FL 33713 Kimberly Swartz, Secretary/Treasurer 13106 Royal George Ave Oddessa FL 33556

# ARTICLE VI – INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is: Lenny Flank, Jr. 3101 25<sup>th</sup> Street North St Petersburg FL 33713

# ARTICLE VII - INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is: Kimberly Swartz 13106 Royal George Ave Oddessa FL 33556

#### ARTICLE VIII - DISSOLUTION

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.

Having been named as a 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.

Signature/Registered Agent

7-24-00

Date

Signature/Incorporator

Date

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