TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Department of State **Division of Corporations** P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: _	PROPOSE			INCLUDE SUFFIX	
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Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for :

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NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION \mathbf{OF}

01 FEB -7 AM 10: 16 FOUNDATION TO STOP PET OVERPOPULATION. INC A FLORIDA NONPROFIT CORPORATION

Article I. Name. The name of the Corporation is: Foundation to Stop Pet Overpopulation, Inc.

Article II. Principal Office. The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be: 1830 Lakeshore Circle, Longwood, Florida 32750...

Article III. Purposes. The purpose of the corporation is as follows:

A. This corporation is a not-for-profit corporation organized under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. It is not organized for the private gain of any person. This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes to prevent cruelty to animals. The specific purposes of this corporation are to take actions which will help stop pet overpopulation which results in the euthanasia of millions of animals a year in the United States alone and to prevent cruelty to animals. The methods for achieving this goal will include but not be limited to education of the public about the problem of and means to prevent pet overpopulation through advertisements, speeches, presentations, mailings, and other means; solicitation of volunteers and monetary support; preparation and distribution of educational literature; and coordination with other animal welfare organizations. The emphasis of this organization will be on education about pet overpopulation because statistics suggest that placement of individual animals will have little effect on this huge problem if the underlying causes are not corrected through education of the public. This organization may, however, support other activities related to the prevention of cruelty to animals including but not limited to placing pets in loving homes; programs to neuter feral animals; and preventing the inhumane treatment of animals.

- B. To exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon nonprofit corporations.
- C. Provided, however, that the corporation shall not engage in any action which is not permitted to be carried on by nonprofit corporations under the Internal Revenue Code and no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, or officers; but the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation to these people for services rendered, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its stated purposes.
- D. In the event of dissolution, the assets of this corporation must be distributed to one or more animal protection organizations which are qualified as 503(c)(3) organizations for exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Any 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 the purpose of prevention of cruelty to animals including education of the public about the consequences of pet overpopulation or to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Article IV. Manner of Election. The Corporation shall have Voting Members, who shall be elected (and may be removed) by the Voting Members, and who shall have all the rights and privileges of members of the Corporation. The Bylaws may provide for Nonvoting Members of one or more classes, who shall be admitted in such manner and who shall have such rights and privileges as are set forth in the Bylaws, but who shall not have the right to vote.

The Bylaws shall provide the method of election of all Directors, and the number of Directors may be raised or lowered by amendment of the bylaws but shall in no case be less than three. The Bylaws shall initially provide that the Directors shall be elected by the Members at the annual meeting of Members and shall serve until the next succeeding annual meeting and until their successors have been elected and qualified.

The officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Other officers may be provided for in the Bylaws. Each Officer shall be elected by the Board of Directors (and may be removed by the Board of Directors) at such time and in such manner as may be prescribed by the

Article V. Initial Members/Directors/Officers. The name and address of each initial Voting Member is as follows:

Name
Karen Schmitt
1830 Lakeshore Circle, Longwood, Florida 32750
Warren Schmitt
1830 Lakeshore Circle, Longwood, Florida 32750
Gabrielle Milch
252 Coble Drive, Longwood, Florida 32779

The initial Board of Directors shall have three members whose names and addresses are:

Name
Karen Schmitt
Warren Schmitt
1830 Lakeshore Circle, Longwood, Florida 32750
Warren Schmitt
1830 Lakeshore Circle, Longwood, Florida 32750
Gabrielle Milch
252 Coble Drive, Longwood, Florida 32779

The name and address of each initial Officer of the Corporation is as follows:

<u>Title</u>	Name	Address
President	Karen Schmitt	1830 Lakeshore Circle, Longwood, Florida 32750
Secretary	Warren Schmitt	1830 Lakeshore Circle, Longwood, Florida 32750
Treasurer	Karen Schmitt	1830 Lakeshore Circle, Longwood, Florida 32750

Article VI. Initial Registered Agent and Street Address. The initial registered agent is Karen Schmitt and the initial registered street address is 1830 Lakeshore Circle, Longwood, Florida 32750.

Article VIII. Incorporator. The name and address of the incorporator of the corporation is:

Name Address

Karen Schmitt 1830 Lakeshore Circle, Longwood, Florida 32750

Article IX. Duration. The duration of the Corporation is perpetual.

Article 9. Nonstock Basis. The Corporation is organized (and shall be operated) on a nonstock basis within the meaning of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, and shall not have the power to issue shares of any type of class of stock, but may issue membership certificates if so provided in the bylaws.

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.

Signature/Registered Agent

Date

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has signed these Articles of Incorporation on this day of February 01, 2001.					
Lane Solumit					
(Signature of Incorporator)					
Acknowledged before me on JANUARY 2, 2001 by KAREN					
[date] [name]					
OWEN SCHMITT, who is personally known to me/					
produced FURIDA UCENSE as identification, and					
[document] who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and acknowledged to and before me that he/she executed said instrument for the purposes therein expressed.					
Maureen M Ela My Commission CC838322 Expires May 18, 2003					
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NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF FLORIDA					
Name: MAUREEN M. ELA					
Commission No.: <u>CCV38322</u> My Commission Expires: <u>NAV19, 200</u> 3					