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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
GULF COAST PET PARTNERS, INC.

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The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a Not for Profit corporation in compliance with Chapter 617, of the Florida Statutes, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

FIRST: The name of the corporation shall be: Gulf Coast Pet Partners, Inc.

SECOND: The address of the principal office of the Corporation shall be 126 Griffin Hall, 10501 FGCU Blvd. South, Fort Myers, Florida 33965-6565.

THIRD: Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The primary purpose of this corporation is to promote healthy aging through the involvement of animals in everyday life. Through public awareness activities, animal-assisted activities, and therapy visits, the Corporation shall strive to reduce barriers and demonstrate the benefits animals can have on health, family, and quality of life for individuals of all ages.

FOURTH: 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 Third 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 candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

FIFTH: 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.

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SIXTH: The affairs of the corporation are to be managed by a Board of Directors comprised of not less than three individual members of the corporation and they shall be elected by the members at the annual meeting of the corporation, the number of directors and the time and place of the election of directors are to be fixed and established in the Bylaws of the corporation from time to time. The Board of Directors annually shall elect from among the membership of said Board a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer and such other officers as shall be established and provided for in the Bylaws.

SEVENTH: The names and addresses of the persons who are the initial directors of the corporation are as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Leslie Myers	126 Griffin Hall, 10501 FGCU Blvd. South Fort Myers, FL 33965-6565
John Murphy	126 Griffin Hall, 10501 FGCU Blvd. South Fort Myers, FL 33965-6565
Linda Buettner	126 Griffin Hall, 10501 FGCU Blvd. South Fort Myers, FL 33965-6565

EIGHTH: The Board of Directors shall have the power to make, adopt, alter, amend, and rescind the Bylaws of the corporation.

NINTH: The Board of Directors of this corporation have the power to adopt amendments to these Articles of Incorporation by a majority vote of the directors then in office subject, however, to the statutory requirement for approval by and filing with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida.

TENTH: The term for which this corporation shall exist shall be perpetual or until the corporation shall be dissolved in accordance with the provisions of law.

ELEVENTH: The registered office and street address for the initial registered agent of the corporation is as follows:

John Murphy	126 Griffin Hall, 10501 FGCU Blvd. South	Fort Myers, FL 33965-6565
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TWELFTH: The name and address of the Incorporator of the corporation is:

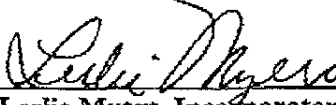
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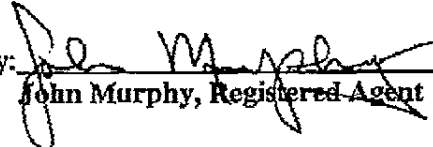
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, acknowledged and filed
the foregoing Articles of Incorporation under the laws of the State of Florida, this
5th day of February, 2003.



Leslie Myers, Incorporator

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT DESIGNATED
IN ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

By: 

John Murphy, Registered Agent

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