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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

TO: Amendment Section
Division of Corporations

SUBJECT: Big Cat Rescue, Corp.
(Name of surviving corporation)

The enclosed merger and fee are submitted for filing.
Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to following:

Carole Lewis
(Name of person)

Big Cat Rescue, Corp.
(Name of firm/company)

12802 Easy Street
(Address)

Tampa, FL 33625
(City/state and zip code)

For further information concerning this matter, please call:
Carole Lewis
At (813) 493-4564

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**ARTICLES OF MERGER
(Not for Profit Corporations)**

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The following articles of merger are submitted in accordance with the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, pursuant to section 617.1105, Florida Statutes.

First: The name and jurisdiction of the **surviving** corporation:

Name	Jurisdiction	Document Number
Big Cat Rescue, Corp	Florida	N03000007047

Second: The name and jurisdiction of each **merging** corporation:

Name	Jurisdiction	Document Number
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WildLife on Easy Street, Inc.	Florida	N95000001669
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Third: The Plan of Merger is attached.

Fourth: The merger shall become effective on the date the Articles of Merger are filed with the Florida Department of State.

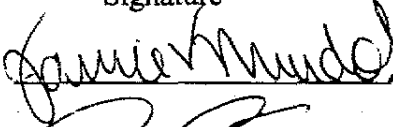
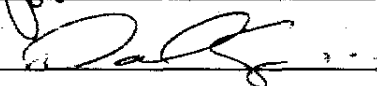
Fifth: ADOPTION OF MERGER BY SURVIVING CORPORATION

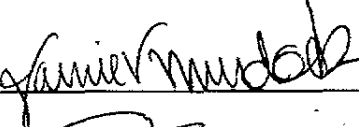
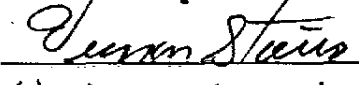
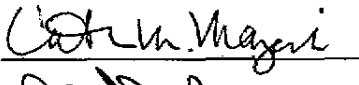
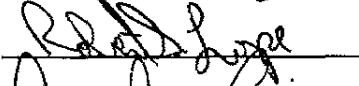
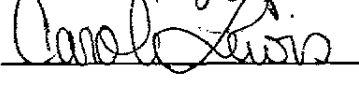
There are no members or members entitled to vote on the plan of merger.
The plan of merger was adopted by the board of directors on 9/20/03. The number of directors in office was **Two**.
The vote for the plan was as follows: **Two** FOR / Zero AGAINST

Sixth: ADOPTION OF MERGER BY MERGING CORPORATION(s)

There are no members or members entitled to vote on the plan of merger.
The plan of merger was adopted by the board of directors on 9/20/03. The number of directors in office was **six**.
The vote for the plan was as follows: **Six** FOR / Zero AGAINST

Seventh: SIGNATURES FOR EACH CORPORATION

Name of Corporation	Signature	Typed Name of Individual & Title
Big Cat Rescue, Corp		Jamie, V. Murdock, President
Big Cat Rescue, Corp		Daniel Capiro, Vice President

Name of Corporation	Signature	Name of Individual & Title
WildLife on Easy Street, Inc.		Jamie, V. Murdock, President
WildLife on Easy Street, Inc.		Daniel Capiro, Vice President
WildLife on Easy Street, Inc.		Vernon Stairs, Treasurer
WildLife on Easy Street, Inc.		Cathy Mayeski, Director
WildLife on Easy Street, Inc.		Scott Lope
WildLife on Easy Street, Inc.		Carole Lewis, CEO& Director

PLAN OF MERGER

The following plan of merger is submitted in compliance with section 617.1101, Florida Statutes and in accordance with the laws of any other applicable jurisdiction of incorporation.

The name and jurisdiction of the **surviving** corporation:

Name	Jurisdiction
Big Cat Rescue, Corp	Florida

The name and jurisdiction of each **merging** corporation:

Name	Jurisdiction	Document Number
WildLife on Easy Street, Inc.	Florida	N95000001669

The terms and conditions of the merger are as follows:

The mission and purpose of Big Cat Rescue, Corp the surviving corporation, shall be the same as, and adopted from the merging corporation, WildLife on Easy Street, Inc.

A statement of any changes in the articles of incorporation of the surviving corporation to be effected by the merger is as follows:

Big Cat Rescue, Corp hereby adopts the articles of incorporation as filed by WildLife on Easy Street, Inc. and it's bylaws as of the date of this merger. All officers and directors of WildLife on Easy Street, Inc., will assume the same titles and roles within Big Cat Rescue, Corp. Restated Articles of Big Cat Rescue, Corp are attached.

Other provisions relating to the merger are as follows:

Big Cat Rescue, Corp will use WildLife on Easy Street, Inc.'s existing FEIN 59-3330495 and will continue it's operations as a 501 c 3 charity in conformance with all provisions previously agreed to by the IRS and WildLife on Easy Street, Inc.

Nonstock

Nonprofit

**Restatement of Articles
of
Big Cat Rescue, Corp**

By Laws of the undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a Non-Profit Corporation under the Law of the State of Florida, pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, do hereby certify:

That the undersigned agree to act in accordance with the law as provided in the Florida Statutes, but are limited as follows: Said Corporation is organized exclusively for providing a wildlife sanctuary and refuge to exotic and non exotic cats. Said Corporation will provide food, shelter, socialization, sanitary services and veterinary care for the animals in its care and will seek to purchase, or accept animals in need of care. Said Corporation will educate the general public as to the endangered status of many of the refuge's residents and will promote preservation of both wildlife and it's habitat on a global basis. Said Corporation will implement a broad based campaign to seek donation from the general public, through a regularly operated public display and public appearances, and fund raisers to provide the required food, shelter, custodial and veterinary care for said animals. Said Corporation is organized to make 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 and is known by FEIN 59-3330495.

The names and addresses of the persons who are the initial registered agent or trustees of the corporation are as follows:

Carole Lewis
12802 Easy Street
Tampa, FL 33625

The names and the street addresses of the officers are:

Carole Lewis, CEO
12802 Easy Street
Tampa, FL 33623

Jamie Veronica Murdock President and Director
12802 Easy Street
Tampa, FL 33625

Daniel Capiro, Vice President and Director
12802 Easy Street
Tampa, FL 33625

Vernon C. Stairs, Treasurer and Director
12802 Easy Street
Tampa, FL 33625

Scott Lope
12802 Easy Street
Tampa, FL 33625

Cathy Mayeski
12802 Easy Street
Tampa, FL 33625

MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed is by majority vote. At this meeting to amend the articles of incorporation it was voted unanimously that the President shall be Jamie Veronica Murdock, who shall manage the affairs and daily operations and the Vice President shall be Daniel Capiro, who shall assist in the daily management decisions, and who will keep the minutes of the meetings and the records of the organization and the Treasurer shall be Vernon C. Stairs, who shall be responsible for writing the checks and depositing and funds received. These offices shall be responsible for the administration of the affairs of the organization. These office shall be for four year terms, or less if agreed to unanimously, and the persons shall be selected by nomination and a vote of the Directors and Officers. There shall always be at least three persons filling the above four offices and the secretary and treasurer, may be the same person. As this is a non profit and non stock corporation, there are no members and no memberships.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to it's members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for the services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set for in article three hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be carrying on 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 501 (c) 3 of the Internal Revenue Code, of 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, of the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

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. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed 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(s) as the Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

MEETINGS:

Meetings shall be held on the third Sunday of each month at 12:00 noon (local time) and shall be attended by all officers. All expenditures shall be voted upon by the officers, other than feed, veterinary care, supplies and housing. Should there be no business to discuss, then the meeting will be adjourned and records and minutes kept only annually or at meetings in which some business is discussed. The fiscal year end shall be on the last day of December each year.

ADDITIONAL BYLAWS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS:

May be presented and voted upon by the Directors and Officers for acceptance in order to facilitate the smooth running of Big Cat Rescue, Corp. for its intended purposes.