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SUBJECT: D45 Reptile Rescue Relocation & Education, INC.

Enclosed is an original a	nd one(1) copy of the artic	cles of incorporation and a	check for:
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FROM: William M. Keyes
Name (Printed or typed)

1113 Hagle Park Rd
Address

Drackentan Ft. 34202

City, State & Zip

941-748-0315

Daytime Telephone number

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

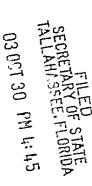
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# D & S REPTILE RESCUE, RELOCATION & EDUCATION, INC. A FLORIDA NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION

# ARTICLE I

The name of this corporation is:

D & S Reptile Rescue, Relocation & Education, Inc.



# ARTICLE II

The principal place of business and the mailing address of this corporation shall be:

D & S Reptile Rescue, Relocation & Education, Inc. c/o Bill Keyes 1113 Hagle Park Road Bradenton, FL 34212

#### ARTICLE III

The purposes for which the Corporation is organized, and the powers of the Corporation, shall be to operate with profit exclusively for charitable, educational, or other purposes as permitted by Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and the Regulations issued pursuant thereto as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, including:

- 1. To provide emergency assistance to Manatee County Resident's who feel they are threatened or endangered by the presents of venomous and non-venomous reptiles in there dwelling and or on there property, which assistance may include: rescuing, removing, handling and transporting of both venomous and non-venomous reptiles, providing basic first aid and containment of venomous and non-venomous reptiles until they can be released in an unpopulated area
- 2. To coordinate efforts with numerous animal agencies, to setting up and manning facilities for displaced non-native, unreleasable reptiles.
- 3. To provide education materials to the public at large, to promote awareness of the venomous and non-venomous reptiles in Florida.

4. Such other purposes consistent with these Articles as the Corporation's bylaws may so provide.

# ARTICLE IV

The Corporation is organized upon a non-stock basis. The qualifications for and rights of members, types of membership, and the manner of admission of members shall be regulated by the bylaws of the Corporation.

# **ARTICLE V**

D & S Reptile Rescue, Relocation and Education, Inc. shall exist perpetually unless sooner dissolved as authorized by law.

# ARTICLE VI

The Names and addresses of the incorporators to these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

William M. Keyes 1113 Hagle Park Road

Bradenton, FL 34212

Sue A. Keyes 1113 Hagle Park Road

Bradenton, FL 34212

Dan Fansler 810 B 60th Avenue Terrace W.

Bradenton, FL 34207

# ARTICLE VII

All corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the control of, and the business of the Corporation shall be managed under the direction of, a Board of Directors consisting of not less than three (3) nor more than eleven (11) persons, in such manner as provided in the bylaws of the Corporation. The manner of their election shall be as provided in the bylaws of the Corporation.

# ARTICLE VIII

Officers, their powers and duties, and manner of their election shall be as prescribed and regulated in the bylaws of the Corporation.

# **ARTICLE IX**

The bylaws may contain any provisions for the regulation and management of the affairs of the Corporation not inconsistent with law or these Articles of Incorporation. The power to adopt, amend, alter, or repeal bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Directors unless otherwise provided in the bylaws. Bylaws may be adopted, amended, altered or repealed by the directors of the Corporation at any regular or special business meeting called for that purpose, provided that written notice of said meeting and proposed change has been given by U.S. Mail to each member of the Board of Directors at his or her last known address no more than sixty (60) nor less than ten (10) days prior to the meeting. Any action of the Board of Directors to adopt, amend, alter, or repeal bylaws shall require and affirmative vote of a majority of the then elected and qualified directors of the Corporation present at such dully organized meeting. A majority for purposes of adopting, amending, altering, or repealing the bylaws shall be one-half (50%) plus one additional board member present at such duly organized meeting.

# ARTICLE X

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by the directors of the Corporation at any regular or special business meeting called for that purpose, provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been given by U.S. Mail to each member of the Board of Directors at his or her last known address no more than sixty (60) nor less than ten (10) days prior to the meeting. Any action of the Board of Directors to amend the Articles of Incorporation shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds (66%) of the then elected and qualified directors of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE XI

The earnings and activities of the Corporation are subject to the following restrictions and limitations:

1. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, any member, any private individual, or any director or officer of such Corporation (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation affecting one or more of its purposes), and no member, private individual, director, or officer of the Corporation shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets upon dissolution of the Corporation.

- 2. 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 publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations issued pursuant thereto as they now exist or may hereafter be amended, or by an organization contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the internal Revenue Code and Regulations issued pursuant thereto as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

#### ARTICLE XII

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for all liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, education, or specific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations issued pursuant thereto as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of competent jurisdiction in 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 XIII

The street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is:

1113 Hagle Park Road Bradenton, FL 34212

And the initial registered agent of the Corporation is:

William M. Keyes

The undersigned incorporators have executed day of, 2002.	ed these Articles of Incorporation this
<del></del>	WILLIAM M. KEYES, Incorporator
STATE OF FLORIDA	William W. Keyes Print name
COUNTY OF MANATEE	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
JAMES D. BOLEY	rporator of D & S Reptile Rescue, Relocation
Notary Public. State of Florida My comm. expires August 18, 2004 No. CC961552	Motary Public
e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e	SUE A. KEYES, Incorporator
STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF MANATEE	Print name
and Education, Inc., a not for profit corporation, w	porator of D & S Reptile Rescue, Relocation
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DAN FANSLER, Incorporator

DAN IEL W FANSLER

Print name

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF MANATEE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2002, Dan Fansler as incorporator of D & S Reptile Rescue, Relocation and Education, Inc., a not for profit corporation, who is personally known to me or produced FLOL F534-179-63-175 as identification and who did / did not take an oath.

ROSE G. LUKAS Notary Public, State of Florida Vy comm. expires Mar. 17, 2005 No. DD009274

Notary Public