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July 29, 2004

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

RE: South Brevard German Shepherd Rescue Corporation

#### Dear Friends:

Enclosed are the Articles of Incorporation for the above-named proposed Florida corporation. Also enclosed is our firm's check in the amount of \$70.00, representing payment of the following:

Filing fee Registered agent fee 35.00 35.00

\$70.00

Sincerely

Please file the enclosed Articles of Incorporation and return the copy to the undersigned.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

JCM:cf Enclosures

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

#### **OF**

# SOUTH BREVARD GERMAN SHEPHERD RESCUE CORPORATION, A FLORIDA NONPROFIT CORPORATION

## ARTICLE I

#### **CORPORATE NAME**

The name of this corporation is South Brevard German Shepherd Rescue Corporation.

## ARTICLE II

#### CORPORATE NATURE

This is a nonprofit corporation, organized solely for general charitable purposes pursuant to the Florida Corporations Not for Profit Law set forth in Section 617 of the Florida Statutes.

#### ARTICLE III

#### **DURATION**

The term of the existence of the corporation is perpetual.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES

The specific and primary purposes for which this corporation is formed are:

- A. To rescue homeless, abandoned and unwanted German Shepherd Dogs and any other related or corresponding charitable purposes by the distribution of its funds for such purposes.
- B. To operate exclusively in any other manner for such charitable and educational purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended, or under any corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax laws, covering the distributions to organizations qualified as tax exempt organizations under the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, including private foundations, private operating foundations or public charity.

#### ARTICLE V

#### MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by a Board of Directors, consisting of not less than three (3) persons. The number of Directors of the corporation shall be three (3), provided however, that such number may be changed by a By-Law duly adopted.

The names and addresses of the initial members of the Board of Directors are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Elena McKnight	1981 Mattison Drive, NE, Palm Bay, Florida 32905
James T. McKnight	1981 Mattison Drive, NE, Palm Bay, Florida 32905
Nicole Therrien	2635 Wright Avenue, Melbourne, Florida 32935

#### ARTICLE VI

#### EARNINGS AND ACTIVITIES OF CORPORATION

- A. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, nor be distributable to its members, directors, 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 IV hereof.
- B. 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 any candidate for public office.
- C. 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, as amended, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended.
- D. Notwithstanding any other provisions 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.

#### ARTICLE VII

#### DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all 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 scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as amended, as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so 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 such court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

#### ARTICLE VIII

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

This corporation shall have no members.

#### ARTICLE IX

#### **SUBSCRIBER**

The name and residence address of the Subscriber of this corporation is as follows:

<u>Name</u>

**Address** 

Nicole Therrien

2635 Wright Avenue, Melbourne, Florida 32935

# ARTICLE X

# AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

Subject to the limitations contained in the By-Laws, and any limitations set forth in the Corporations Not for Profit Law of the State of Florida, concerning corporate action that must be authorized or approved by the members of the corporation, By-Laws of this corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to, or new By-Laws may be adopted, either by a resolution of the Board of Directors, or by following the procedure set forth in the By-Laws.

#### ARTICLE XI

#### **DEDICATION OF ASSETS**

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes, and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

#### ARTICLE XII

# PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The corporation's principal office shall be located at 1981 Mattison Drive, NE, Palm Bay FL 32905, and the name of its registered agent at said address shall be James T. McKnight.

#### ARTICLE XIII

#### AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors in the manner set forth in the By-Laws of this corporation.

Nicole Therrien, THE UNDERSIGNED, BEING THE SUBSCRIBER AND INCORPORATOR of this corporation, for the purpose of forming this nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, have executed these Articles of Incorporation, this  $A \cap A$  day of July 2004.

Subscriber - Incorporator

# STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF BREVARD

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Nicole Therrien, to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and he acknowledged to and before me that he executed such instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 🗻

July, 2004.

**Notary Public** 

My Commission Expires:

# ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for South Brevard German Shepherd Rescue Corporation, at the place designated in the Articles of Incorporation, I, James T. McKnight, agree to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of Section 48.091 Florida Statutes relative to keeping open such office.

James T. McKnight

July <u>29</u>, 2004