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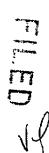


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### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

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Laporte farms animal-assisted therapy, inc.

TALL ASSASSEE, FLORIDA

The undersigned, for the purposes of forming a Corporation under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, the Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation Act, hereby certifies:

#### ARTICLE I Name

The name of the Corporation is LaPORTE FARMS ANIMAL-ASSISTED THERAPY, INC.

#### ARTICLE II Principal Office

The address of the principal office and the mailing address of this Corporation shall be:

7700 129<sup>th</sup> Street Sebastian, Florida 32958

#### ARTICLE III Business and Purposes

The Corporation is organized for the following purposes:

- 1. The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, literary, scientific and educational purposes as set forth in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of such Code.
- 2. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its 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 these Articles of Incorporation.
- 3. No 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.
- 4. 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; (b) by a Corporation,

contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code; or (c) by a nonprofit Corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida pursuant to the provisions of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Act.

#### ARTICLE IV <u>Distribution of Net Earnings</u>

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization 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 III above.

#### ARTICLE V Distribution of Assets at Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, its assets remaining after payment or provision of all debts and liabilities of the Corporation shall be distributed exclusively for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue 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 the appropriate court of the county in which the principal office of the organization 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 VI Existence of Corporation

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

#### ARTICLE VII Registered Office and Registered Agent

The initial registered office of this Corporation shall be located at 7700 129<sup>th</sup> Street, Sebastian, Florida 32958, and the initial registered agent of this Corporation at such office shall be Laura LaPorte. This Corporation shall have the right to change such registered office and such registered agent from time to time, as provided by law.

#### ARTICLE VIII Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of this Corporation shall consist of not less than three (3) nor more than fifteen (15) members, the exact number of directors to be fixed from time to time by the members or the by-laws. The Board of Directors shall be elected in the manner stated in the by-laws. The business and affairs of this Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors, which may exercise all such powers of this Corporation and do all such lawful acts

and things as permitted by federal law, state law, these Articles of Incorporation and the by-laws of the Corporation as from time to time in effect. A quorum for the transaction of business at meetings of the directors shall be a majority of the number of directors determined from time to time to comprise the Board of Directors, and the act of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the directors. Subject to the by-laws of this Corporation, meetings of the directors may be held within or without the State of Florida. Directors need not be members.

The first Board of Directors shall be four (4) in number and their names and addresses are as follows:

Laura LaPorte 7700 129th Street

Sebastian, FL 32958

Betty Davis 1575 43 Avenue

Vero Beach, FL 32960

Sonjia Bielecki 430 S.W. 35 Court

Vero Beach, FL 32968

Margaret Wilson 530 Cross Creek Circle Sebastian, FL 32958

#### ARTICLE IX By-Laws

A. The power to adopt the by-laws of this Corporation, to alter, amend or repeal the by-laws, or to adopt new by-laws, shall be vested in the Board of Directors of this Corporation; provided, however, that any by-law or amendment thereto as adopted by the Board of Directors may be altered, amended or repealed by vote of the members entitled to vote thereon, or a new by-law in lieu thereof may be adopted by the members, and the members may prescribe in any by-law made by them that such by-law shall not be altered, amended or repealed by the Board of Directors.

B. The by-laws of this Corporation shall be for the governance of this Corporation and may contain any provisions or requirements for the management or conduct of the affairs and business of this Corporation, provided the same are not inconsistent with the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, or contrary to the laws of the State of Florida or of the United States.

#### ARTICLE X Amendment of Articles of Incorporation

This Corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by statute, and all rights conferred upon the members herein are subject to this reservation.

#### ARTICLE XI Membership

This Corporation shall have members, whose authority and power shall be as provided in the by-laws of the Corporation, as from time to time in effect. The Charter member of this Corporation is **Laura LaPorte**.

#### ARTICLE XII Additional Restrictions/Private Foundation Provisions

Notwithstanding any of the foregoing statements of purposes and powers, this Corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to tax on undistributed income imposed by section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code; shall not engage in any act of self-dealing, as defined in section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code; shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in section 4943 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code; shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code; and shall not make any taxable expenditures, as defined in section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### ARTICLE XIII Incorporator

The name and street address of the incorporator making these Articles of Incorporation is:

Name Laura LaPorte Address 7700 129<sup>th</sup> Street Sebastian, FL 32958

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this certificate has been signed by the Incorporator, this 1946 day of January, 2005.

Laura LaPorte, Incorporator

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## LAPORTE FARMS ANIMAL-ASSISTED THERAPY, INC. ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE AS REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned, LAURA LaPORTE, having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above-named Corporation at the registered office designated in the Articles of Incorporation, hereby agrees and consents to act in that capacity. The undersigned is familiar with and accepts the duties and obligations of Section 617.0501 Florida Statutes.

DATED this <u>[946</u> day of January, 2005.