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SUBJECT: Disaster Animal Rescue/Response Team (D.A.R.T.) of Florida and (PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)
Hoofs, Paws & Claws, Inc.

Enclosed is an original a	and one(1) copy of the Art	cicles of Incorporation and	a check for:
\$70.00 Filing Fee	S78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status	S78.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy	X \$87.50 Filing Fee, Certified Copy & Certificate
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FROM:	Lorri L. Schiller-Holt		
	Name (Printed or typed)		
	172 Lark Avenue		
	Address		
	Brooksville, FL 34601		
	City, State & Zip		
	(813) 380-7876		
	Daytime Telephone number		

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

Articles of Incorporation of DISASTER ANIMAL RESCUE/RESPONSE TEAM HOOFS, PAWS & CLAWS, INC.

OF FLORIDA

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A Florida Not for Profit Corporation

ARTICLE I: NAME OF CORPORATION

The name of the corporation is Disaster Animal Rescue/Response Team Florida and Hoofs, Paws & Claws, Inc.

ARTICLE II: PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

At the time of the filing of these Articles of Incorporation, the principal place of business and mailing address of the corporation is:

> 172 Lark Avenue Brooksville, FL 34601

The principal place of business may be changed at any time by the Board of Directors as set forth in the Bylaws of the corporation and upon duly notifying the Florida Division of Corporations of the change of address.

<u>ARTICLE III:</u> **PURPOSES**

This is a nonprofit corporation organized exclusively for charitable, educational, scientific and for the prevention of cruelty to animals purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code and solely for general charitable, educational, scientific or for the prevention of cruelty to animals purposes pursuant to the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act as set forth in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes. The purposes for which this corporation is formed are exclusively charitable, educational, scientific and for the prevention of cruelty to animals, and consist, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. Build, operate and maintain a shelter to house, protect and treat animals in need.
- 2. Rescue animals from life threatening situations; rescue strays; and assist animal owners who must surrender animals and find them all permanent homes with qualified owners. This shelter will be a no-kill shelter.
- 3. Provide routine, necessary and/or emergency veterinary services to all animals in need. Assist indigent, and other, animal owners with routine, necessary and/or emergency veterinary care and treatment.
- 4. Provide spay/neuter services, vaccinations and treatment at no or low cost. Provide rehabilitation and behavioral modification services for animals in need.
- 5. Educate the public as to the humane treatment of animals; the advantages of adopting animals from shelters and rescue organizations; the need to spay/neuter and vaccinate animals; and the importance of microchipping animals for quick recovery and reunification.
- 6. Work cooperatively with animal shelters and other rescue groups toward the common goal of saving all animals lives and implementing a solution to reduce pet overpopulation.
- 7. To educate animal owners on safety and disaster preparation with their animals; to train persons to respond to disasters involving animals; and to coordinate animal disaster response services or consultation to persons and/or agencies in need.
- 8. To provide continuing education and training to the public and volunteers concerning animal, disaster, shelter and/or any other issues the corporation believes will be beneficial and prudent to offer to maintain the integrity and purpose of the corporation.
- 9. To aid, support, and provide logistical and/or any other support, disaster relief, and disaster assistance to any community; local, city, county, state, federal, and/or any other municipality; charitable organization and/or any other organization and/or entity, during times of emergencies, disaster, distress, and/or for public service in the public interest at any location as approved by the Board of Directors.
- 10. To do any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, or desirable for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering, or attaining the foregoing purposes, either directly or indirectly, and either alone or in conjunction or cooperation with others, whether such others be persons or organizations of any kind or nature.
 - 11. To raise funds to facilitate these purposes.

ARTICLE IV: COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION

The existence of the corporation will commence on the date of the filing of these Articles of Incorporation by the Department of State of the State of Florida. The term of existence of the corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE V: INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. The initial Board of Directors shall consist of three (3) members. The number of directors may be increased from time to time as provided in the Bylaws, but shall never be less than three (3). The affairs of the corporation are to be managed by the Board of Directors. The names and addresses of those who are to serve as the initial directors are:

Douglas Holt 172 Lark Avenue Brooksville, FL 34601

Lorri L. Schiller-Holt 172 Lark Avenue Brooksville, FL 34601

Phyllis Shelton 637 Carey Place Lakeland, FL 33803

2. The Board of Directors shall serve indefinite terms until they resign or are removed as set forth in the Bylaws of the corporation. Any other changes to the Board of Directors shall be governed by the Bylaws of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI: MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

The initial officers of the corporation shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. The following persons shall serve as corporate officers:

President: Lorri L. Schiller-Holt Vice-President: Douglas Holt Secretary: Carri Randall Treasurer: Lorri L. Schiller-Holt The corporate officers shall serve indefinite terms until they resign or are removed as set forth in the Bylaws of the corporation. Any changes to the officers of the corporation shall be governed by the Bylaws of the corporation.

ARTICLE VII: MEMBERSHIP

The qualifications for members and the manner of their admission shall be regulated by the Bylaws of the corporation.

ARTICLE VIII: BYLAWS

The Board of Directors, by majority vote, is authorized to establish Bylaws for the corporation which are not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation, and to amend the same from time to time.

ARTICLE IX: DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

Upon the dissolution or winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liability of the corporation, shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation organized and operated exclusively for charitable, education, scientific, or for the prevention of cruelty to animals purposes which have established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors. Amendments may be adopted by the vote of a majority of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI: REGISTERED AGENT

The name and address of the initial Registered Agent of the corporation is:

Lorri L. Schiller 172 Lark Avenue Brooksville, FL 34601

ARTICLE XII: INITIAL INCORPORATORS

The name and address of the Incorporators are:

Douglas Holt 172 Lark Avenue Brooksville, FL 34601

Lorri L. Schiller-Holt 172 Lark Avenue Brooksville, FL 34601

ARTICLE XIII: 501(c)(3) LIMITATIONS

- 1. CORPORATE PURPOSES: Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, this organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal and State income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.
- 2. EXCLUSIVITY: The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, education, scientific and for the prevention of cruelty to animals purposes.
- 3. NO PRIVATE INUREMENT: The corporation is not organized nor shall it be operated for the primary purpose of generating pecuniary gain or profit. The corporation shall not distribute any gains, profits or dividends to the Directors, Officers, or Members thereof, or to any other individual, except as reasonable compensation for services actually performed in carrying out the corporation's purposes. The property, assets, profits and net income of the corporation are irrevocably dedicated to charitable, education, scientific and for the prevention of cruelty to animals purposes; no part of which shall inure to the benefit of any individual.
- 4. LOBBYING AND POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS: No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE XIV: INDEMNIFICATION

Any person (and the heirs, executors and administrators of such person) made or threatened to be made a party to any action, suit of proceeding by reason of the fact that he is or was a Director

or Officer of the corporation shall be indemnified by the corporation against any and all liability and the reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees and disbursements, incurred by him (or by his heirs, executors or administrators) in connection with the defense or settlement of such action, suit or proceeding, or in connection with any appearance therein, except in relation to matters as to which it shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding that such Director or Officer is liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duties. Such right of indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which such Director or Officer (or such heirs, executors of administrators) may be entitled apart from this Article.

EXECUTION

We, the undersigned, being the incorporators of this corporation, for the purposes of forming this nonprofit charitable corporation under the laws of the State of Florida have executed these Articles of Incorporation on this 14th day of February, 2006.

CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE AS REGISTERED AGENT

I, LORRI L. SCHILLER-HOLT, having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for DISASTER ANIMAL RESCUE/RESPONSE TEAM.

OF FLORIDA and HOOFS, PAWS & CLAWS, INC., at the place designated in the Articles of Incorporation, certify I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

DATED this Held day of February, 2006.

LORRIL SCHILLER-HOLT

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