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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION TO AUG 14 P 4: 10

## 4 PAWS PET RESCUE & REHABILITATION.

The undersigned, acting as Incorporator of 4 Paws Pet Rescue & Rehabilitation, Inc., a corporation organized under the Florida Business Corporation Act, hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

NAME. The name of the corporation shall be 4 Paws Pet Rescue & Rehabilitation, Inc. ARTICLE I:

PRINCIPAL OFFICE/MAILING ADDRESS. The principal office and mailing address ARTICLE II: of the corporation is 911 S.W. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Cape Coral, FL 33991.

### ARTICLE III: PURPOSE.

- To work cooperatively with animal shelters and other rescue groups in the community 3.01 towards our common goals of saving cats'/dogs' lives and reducing pet overpopulation.
- To direct people to appropriate agencies/individuals when called upon. 3.02
- 3.03 Return lost companion animals to their owners/families.
- Educate the public about the advantages of adopting from shelters and rescue 3.04 organizations, and about the need for spaying and neutering cats/dogs.
- 3.05 Educate owners and prospective owners about proper care and training of cats and dogs.
- 3.06 Provide humane care/treatment and rehabilitation for rescued dogs/cats in foster care, which will limit the number of animals charitably housed.
- Find caring and loving-responsible homes for rescued cats/dogs. 3.07
- To dispense euthanasia humanely by injection when it is in the best interest of the 3.08 animal.
- 3.09 To maintain funding through grants and community donations.
- 3.10 Said corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation organized exclusively for charitable, and educational purposes, and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law and operated exclusively for public and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code.
- No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be 3.11 distributable to its members, trustees, 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 distribution in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof. 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 or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE IV: MANNER APPOINTED. The business, property and affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors composed of three (3) persons who shall be members of this corporation. The Incorporator of the Corporation shall name the initial Members of the Corporation. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased by the members, from time to time, but shall never be less than one (1). The Board of Directors shall be citizens of the United States of American and residents of Lee County, Florida.

DIRECTORS. This corporation shall have three Directors/Officers initially. The number ARTICLE V: of directors may be changed from time to time in accordance with the Bylaws but shall never be less than one. The name and address of the initial directors of the corporation are:

> 911 S.W. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Cape Coral, FL 33991 911 S.W. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Cape Coral, FL 33991 911 S.W. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Cape Coral, FL 33991 President / Treasurer Nancy L. Taylor Vice President Stephen H. Taylor Whitney L. Ward Secretary

ARTICLE VI: INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT. The name and street address of the initial registered agent and office of this corporation is Nancy L. Taylor, 911 S.W. 4th Avenue, Cape Coral, FL 33991.

ARTICLE VII: INCORPORATOR. The name and address of the incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation is: Nancy L. Taylor, 911 S.W. 4th Avenue, Cape Coral, FL 33991.

ARTICLE VIII: 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 of 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 or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of the process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

By: <u>Naucy 2 Daylor</u>
Nancy L. Taylor, Registered Agent

By: Maney 2 Jayler Nancy L. Vaylor, Incorporator

<u>Aug 11, 06</u>

Date

Aug 11, 06