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Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION STIRRUPS n STRIDES THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER

BY THESE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION the incorporators form a corporation not-for-profit under and pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes:

Article 1. Name and Principal Office. The name of the corporation is STIRRUPS *n* STRIDES THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER, INC. and the principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation is 4246 West Highway 318, Citra, Florida 32113.

Article 2. Purposes. This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes as defined under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding section of any future tax code. The purposes for which this corporation is organized are:

- (a) To provide therapeutic horseback riding and driving to adults and children with physical, mental and/or emotional challenges under professional supervision with a high standard of safety and management.
- (b) To improve the quality of life for these individuals by offering the opportunity for emotional, educational and physical growth through horsemanship and competition.
- (c) To promote community awareness of the benefits of therapeutic riding and driving and to seek good public relations and support.

Article 3. Powers. The corporation shall have the following powers:

- (a) All common law and statutory powers of a corporation not-for-profit which are not in conflict with these articles.
- (b) All powers of a corporation not-for-profit as stated in Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, and all powers reasonably necessary to implement the purposes of the corporation.

Article 4. Restrictions. The corporation shall have the following restrictions:

- (a) This corporation shall issue no stock. No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or other private persons except that this 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.
- (b) No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.
- (c) This corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office including the publishing or distribution of statements.
- (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a

corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any further Internal Revenue Code. Further, this corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation to which contributions are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article 5. Incorporator. The name and address of the incorporator is:

BETTY GRAY 4246 West Highway 318, Citra, Florida 32113

Article 6. Directors and Officers.

- (a) The voting rights of this corporation shall vest solely in a Board of Directors consisting of not less than three (3) directors. The manner of electing directors and the term of office of any director shall be as provided in the bylaws of the corporation.
- (b) The Board of Directors, initially at its organizational meeting and thereafter at its annual meeting, shall elect officers in accordance with the bylaws of the corporation.
- (c) The names of the initial directors and officers who shall serve until the election at the organizational meeting after these articles are approved are:

 President BETTY GRAY 4246 West Highway 318

 Citra, Florida 32113

 Vice-President ALISON DOLAN 20 South Magnolia Street

 Pearl River, New York 10965

 Secretary/Treasurer FAY WRIGHT 14591 SW 38th Terrace Road

 Ocala, Florida 34473
- (d) Vacancies in the initial Board of Directors occurring before the first election shall be filled by the directors remaining in office even though they do not constitute a quorum of the Board of Directors.

Article 7. Members.

- (a) The members of this corporation shall be any individual at least ten years of age or any firm or any organization which expresses a strong desire to promote the purposes of the corporation as set forth above.
- (b) The members of the corporation shall have no voting rights.

Article 8. Notice. Oral notice to this corporation's members, directors and officers is authorized where such oral notice is reasonable under the circumstances.

Article 9. Bylaws. The bylaws of this corporation shall be adopted by the Board of Directors.

Article 10. Informal Action. To the extent permitted by law, any action required or allowed to be taken at any annual or special meeting of the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote if consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all of the directors.

Article 11. Dissolution. No member, director, officer or private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any corporate assets upon dissolution of the corporation. Upon the dissolution of this corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for payment of all liabilities of this corporation, dispose of the residual assets of the corporation to one or more corporations which themselves qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provisions of any future Internal Revenue law.

Article 12. Registered Agent and Office. The initial registered agent for this corporation is BETTY GRAY and the initial registered office is located at 4246 West Highway 318, Citra, Florida 32113.

DATED //- 2 8 - 06

BY BETTY GRAY Incorporator

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the incorporator, certifies to the truth

That STIRRUPS n STRIDES THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, at the City of Citra, County of Marion, State of Florida, has named BETTY GRAY, located at 4246 West Highway 318, Citra, Florida 32113, as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of 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 I agree to act in this capacity.