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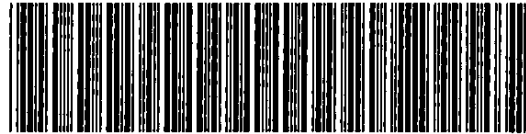
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SUBJECT: HAVE A HEART FOR COMPANION ANIMALS INC.
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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☐ \$78.75
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ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: John MARINELLI
Name (Printed or typed)

17 Pecan DR.
Address

Ocala, FL 34472
City, State & Zip

352-687-1776
Daytime Telephone number

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

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Have A Heart for Companion Animals Inc.

Articles of Incorporation

Article I-Name

The name of the corporation shall be Have A Heart for Companion Animals Inc.

Article II- Purpose & Mission

The purpose of the corporation is to operate as a not for profit charitable organization in Marion County, Florida Its mission shall be to reduce over population of unwanted and abandoned companion animals; to care for, i.e. treat, train, house, and re-home unwanted animals; to promote animal welfare in the surrounding communities; to educate animal lovers and the community at large on good companion animal care. (See Article IX for Program of Work)

Article III- Principle Office

Current Address of Record

Have A Heart for Companion Animals Inc official office of record is:
17 Pecan Drive Ocala, Fl. 34472

Article IV-Effective Date

The effective date for operation of the corporation is 8/7/07

Article V- Manor of Election

Section 1 – Election of Officers

Election and Terms of Office:

- **The Executive Committee of the Board** shall elect a Nominating Committee of no more than five members at least 90 days prior to the annual meeting for the purpose of developing a slate of nominees for presentation to the membership. No more than 2 members from the Board of Directors shall be on the nominating committee. At least 45 days prior to the Annual Meeting, the nominating committee must submit a list of

nominees to the Secretary who shall within 35 days of the Annual Meeting, notify the voting membership by mail of the slate of nominees.

- **The Election of Officers** shall be by closed ballot of the voting membership at the Annual Meeting. All ballots shall be counted in public at that time. Nominees receiving the highest number of votes cast shall be elected. Absentee or voting by proxy is not permitted.

Section 4 – Duties of Officers

Duties of Officers:

President – shall preside at all meetings of the corporation and the Executive Board; shall be ex officio, with voting rights as a member of all standing committees; act as official representative of the corporation; and shall deliver to the members at the Annual Meeting a comprehensive report of the programs and policies followed by the Board in the preceding year.

Vice President of Operations– shall fill all functions of the President when the latter is incapacitated, unavailable, or for any reason cannot serve. The case of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice President of Operations shall serve as President of the unexpired term, and shall serve as a tie-breaker vote on the Executive Committee.

Vice President of Administration– shall be responsible for carrying out such responsibilities as the President may designate, shall serve in the absence of both the President and the Vice President of Operations or as otherwise requested by the President.

Treasurer – shall receive, and in a timely manner, deposit in a bank designated by the Executive Board all monies and securities; shall prepare an annual budget to be presented to the Executive Board; shall make a financial report at each meeting; and shall submit an annual report, audited by an independent accountant selected by the Executive Committee of the Board, of the income and expenditures for the preceding year and of liabilities and assets. The Treasurer and a designated member of the Executive Committee shall each be authorized to sign checks. The Board shall elect the designated member by a majority vote at the Annual Meeting. Checks for \$500 or more shall require the signature of both the Treasurer and the designated member of the Executive Board.

Secretary - shall take and preserve all minutes of all meetings of the members of the Agency and the Executive Committee and Board of Directors meetings. The Secretary shall notify members and Directors in writing of the annual and special meetings of the corporation. All voting members shall be notified in advance of general membership meetings. The Secretary shall cause all meeting minutes to be published in a form, to be available upon request, to any member. The Secretary shall receive and conduct the

correspondence and shall have custody of all files, records, etc. not under the charge of any other Officer, and be responsible for their safekeeping.

Section 5 – Removal of Officer

The Board of Directors, by a two-thirds vote of the entire Board, may remove any elected officer. The Executive Committee shall set a date for a meeting of the Board of Directors for the purpose of voting on the removal of the officer. This meeting must occur no sooner than 30 days after the recommendation of the Executive Committee. Such action shall be the first item on the agenda. Within 15 days of the meeting to remove the officer, the voting membership shall be notified of the Board's intent and the date of the scheduled membership meeting. The voting membership, at this time, shall be allowed to attend such a meeting to give input or comments to the Board. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to remove the officer. Their decision is final.

Article VI-Registered Agent

The name of the registered agent is:
John Marinelli who resides at
17 Pecan Drive Ocala, FL.34472

Article VII-Term of Existence

Have A Heart for Companion Animals Inc shall have perpetual existence

Article VIII Executor & Incorporator

The name of the Executor & Incorporator of the corporation is:
Name: John Marinelli **Address:** 17 Pecan Drive Ocala, FL. 34472

Article IX- Program of Work

1. To establish a state of the art "No Kill" animal shelter in Marion County.
2. To reduce the more than 74% euthanasia rate that now exists in most Florida shelters through a rescue effort that includes retraining, community awareness, low cost spay and neutering, and other areas of on-going education.
3. To establish annual fund raising events that calls attention to our cause and raises money to support our program of work.

4. To recruit volunteers to work on special teams related to the accomplishment of Have A Heart goals and objectives.
5. To seek media support in calling attention to the need and to work hand and hand with Have A Heart and other groups to solve the problem of over population.
6. To educate the general public on the concept of "No Kill" and the understanding that, The Best Animal Shelter Is A Caring Community", not the destruction of companion animals.
7. To establish an on-going and aggressive campaign that pulls the community together as one voice that says, "No More Homeless Pets" in Marion County.
8. To establish hot lines and counselors to aid residents with animal behavior and other problems, in an effort to reduce owner turn-ins to area shelters.
9. To provide the community with free information on a variety of animal issues through a website including pet friendly rentals, referrals, "How To" brochures on many other topics.
10. To work with other area shelters and other rescue groups in an overall effort to get the job done.
11. To implement and coordinate "**Operation Safety Net**", a community outreach to help area residents with animal behavior problems, pet resumes, locating pet friendly rentals, low cost spay and neutering, pet care education, elderly pet needs, breed rescue referrals, counseling before surrendering a pet to a shelter, stay at home adoption services, the proper care of puppies and kittens and other animal welfare services.

Article X-Dissolution of Assets

Dissolution

Should the corporation decide to terminate its services to the community, it shall dissolve in the following manner.

- 2/3 majority of the Board of Directors must be obtained.
- Distribution of assets to include bank accounts, furniture, supplies, cages, and any and all other holding will be donated to another not-for-profit "no kill" agency nearby and will be selected by the Executive Committee of the Board.
- Written notification is to be given to the State, City and other organizations as deemed necessary.
- Outstanding Debt – is to be paid off by sale of assets and bank account funds prior to liquidation and donations to other "no kill" groups.

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

By: John Marinelli Date: 8/7/07
Signature/Resident Agent

By: John Marinelli Date: 8/7/07
Signature/Incorporator

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