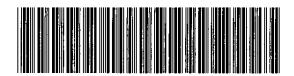
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JILL E. VAN EPS 4954 VILLAGE GARDENS DRIVE SARASOTA, FL 34234 941-360-8747

October 10, 2008

Department of State Division of Corporations P.O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: Incorporation of Non-Profit Corporation for Safe Haven Animal Rescue, Inc.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find the following to incorporate the above entity:

- 1. Articles of Incorporation;
- 2. Check no. 2643 in the amount of \$78.75 made payable to Department of State for the filing fee, registered agent designation and the return of one certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation;
- 3. Post paid return envelope for the return of the certified Articles of Incorporation.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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Very truly yours.

Jill E. Van Eps

4954 Village Gardens Drive

Sarasota, FL 34234

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

<u>OF</u>

SAFE HAVEN ANIMAL RESCUE, INC. (A Florida Nonprofit Corporation)

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this corporation shall be SAFE HAVEN ANIMAL RESCUE, INC.

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ARTICLE II COMMENCEMENT & DURATION AND PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

The commencement of this corporation's existence shall be a the time of the filing of these Articles of Incorporation by the Florida Secretary of State. This corporation's duration shall be perpetual, unless it is hereafter dissolved according to law.

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:13255 M. J. Road, Myakka City, Florida 3 4251.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

A. This corporation is being formed for the purpose of rescuing abandoned and abused animals; to provide food, shelter, and veterinarian care; and, to provide foster homes whenever possible, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. That is, it shall be exclusively to conduct fund raising events and to use the funds generated by such events to support the care and maintenance of those abused and abandoned animals by providing food, shelter, veterinarian care and to foster homes whenever possible. All activities of the corporation shall be

conducted within the laws of Florida and of the United States.

- B. Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, including for such purposes the making of distributions to those organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- C. This corporation is irrevocably dedicated to and operated exclusively for non-profit purposes; and no part of the income or assets of the corporation shall be distributed to, nor inure to the benefit of its member, trustees, 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 the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization 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. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document the organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by (a) an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- D. Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or 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 disposed of shall be disposed o by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such reorganization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE IV - POWERS

This corporation may do and perform all such acts and things, including those generally allowed by the laws of Florida relative to nonprofit corporations, as now existing, or as the law may henceforth provide, as from time to time may be necessary or expedient to the exercise of any and all of its corporate functions, powers, and rights.

However, this corporation, in exercising any one or more of such powers shall do so in furtherance of the exempt purpose for which it was organized as described in the applicable sections of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

Any person who agrees to be bound by these Articles of Incorporation, the corporate Bylaws, and any rules and regulations which the Board of Directors may from time to time adopt, who completes a membership application form and submits it to the Board of Directors, and who pays the applicable dues, if any, is eligible and qualified for membership in this corporation.

The corporate Bylaws may provide the Board of Directors further discretionary powers relating to the admission of members.

ARTICLE VI - MANAGEMENT

This corporation's initial Board of Directors shall have three (3) directors. The number of directors may be increased or decreased, from time to time, by an amendment to the corporate Bylaws, but shall never be less than three (3).

The directors of this corporation must, at all times, be members of this corporation. Only a member of this corporation may serve as a director of this corporation. the directors shall be elected annually by this corporation's members. The manner of the election of the directors shall be specified in the Bylaws.

The directors named herein, comprising the initial Board of Directors, shall hold office until their successors are duly qualified.

The name and address of each individual who shall serve as a member of the Initial Board of Directors are:

- 1. Sue Goodman, 13255 M. J. Road, Myakka City, FL 34251
- 2. D'Gail Lite, 1850 Southwood Street, Sarasota, FL 34231
- 3. Catherine Christensen, P.O. Box 48492, Sarasota, FL 34230

ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS

The officers shall consist of a president, a vice president, secretary and treasurer. This corporation may have such other officers as may be provided in the corporate Bylaws.

The officers shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors. The manner of the election of the officers shall be specified in the corporate Bylaws. The officers named herein, comprising the initial officers, shall hold office until the election of officers at the first annual Board of Directors'

meeting, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

The names of the initial officers are:

<u>Office</u>	<u>Name</u>

President Sue Goodman
Vice President D'Gail Lite
Secretary Barb Gardner
Treasurer Cheryl Questionata

ARTICLE IX - INDEMNIFICATION

This corporation shall indemnify any officer, director, employee, or agent, and any former officer, director, employee, or agent, to the full extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE X - INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE & AGENT

The address of this corporation's initial registered office shall be: 2833 Wood Street, Sarasota, Florida 34237

The name of the individual who shall serve as this corporation's initial registered agent at that address is: Reyna Vandercar

ARTICLE XI - INCORPORATORS

The name and residence address of each of the subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation are: Sue Goodman, 13255 M. J. Road, Myakka City, FL 34251.

ARTICLE XII - BYLAWS

Corporate Bylaws will be hereinafter adopted by the Board of Directors. The corporate Bylaws may be amended or repealed, in whole or in part, by the Board of Directors in the manner provided therein, provided that they are not inconsistent with the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation. Any amendments to the corporate Bylaws shall be binding on this corporation's members.

ARTICLE XIII - AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors and presented to a quorum of this corporation's members for their vote. Such amendments may be adopted by a vote of two thirds of the quorum of this corporation's members.

This corporation's subscribers, for the purpose of forming this nonprofit corporation under the laws of Florida, have executed these Articles of Incorporation, on the dates indicated next to their signatures.

Sue Goodman, Subscriber

91108 Date

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Sacration

BEFORE ME the undersigned authority, personally appeared Sue Goodman, who is personally known to me or has produced ______ as identification and did/did not take an oath and who executed the foregoing instrument.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED to before me this _____ day of July, 200 & .

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: Commission No.:

JILL E. VAN EPS
Commission DD 668554
Expires August 21, 2011
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ACCEPTANCE OF RESIDENT AGENT

I hereby accept by designation as resident agent and agree to serve as resident agent of the SAFE HAVEN ANIMAL RESCUE, INC.

I hereby state that I am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as registered agent for the SAFE HAVEN ANIMAL RESCUE, INC.

REYNA VANDERCAR

Registered Agent

2833 Wood Street Sarasota, FL 34237

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF SARASOTA

BEFORE ME the undersigned authority, personally appeared Reyna Vandercar, who is personally known to me or has produced <u>driv.license</u> identification and did/did not take an oath and who executed the foregoing instrument.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED to before me this _____ day of July, 2008

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