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# FLORIDA K-9 SEARCH & RECOVERY, INC., a Corporation Not for Profit

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

The undersigned subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation, each a natural person competent to contract, hereby a associate themselves together to form a corporation under the laws of the state of Florida.

#### ARTICLE I

The name of the Corporation is Florida K-9 Search & Recovery, Inc., a corporation not for profit, and the street and mailing address of the Corporation is John P. White, P.A., 1575 Pine Ridge Road, Suite 10, Naples, Florida 34109.

#### **ARTICLE II**

The street address of the Initial registered office of the corporation shall be 1575 Pine Ridge Road, Suite 10, Naples, Florida 34109, and the name of the Initial registered agent at that address shall be **John P. White**.

#### <u>ARTICLE III</u>

The name and address of the incorporator is as follows:

John P. White 1575 Pine Ridge Road, Suite 10 Naples, Florida 34109

## ARTICLE IV

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious and educational purposes, including the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 50.1(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code ("Code"). The purposes of the Corporation may be modified from time to time by the Board of Directors, provided any modification in purpose shall also be a charitable, religious or educational purpose. With the scope of the foregoing, the Corporation is specifically organized and empowered:

 To assist K9 handlers and operational search team personnel with education and training in all phases of search operations, including the fundamentals of search and rescue, incident command, K9 first aid, lost person behavior, map and compass navigation, radio communications and survival.

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- To provide special needs assistance to public agencies, individuals, and volunteer search
  organizations for search, rescue, and recover related activities, including the planning and
  administering of search and recovery operations, and supplying search and recovery
  trained K9 dogs and handlers for search, rescue, and cadaver recovery activities.
- To promote and advance the interests of volunteer search, rescue and recovery teams to the public, private and government sector.

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its Members, directors, 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 distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this Article.

## **ARTICLE V**

In pursuit of the purposes for which it was formed, this Corporation shall have the power to acquire real and personal property by gift, devise or bequest, purchase, lease, or otherwise; to sell, convey, exchange, lease, or otherwise dispose of real or personal property owned by it; to borrow money and to give its notes or other obligations therefore, and to secure payment thereof by mortgage, pledge, or other encumbrance of property owned by it or any part thereof; and to enter into contracts or agreements to obtain coaching or training players, to obtain equipment and materials necessary or convenient to compete in properly sponsored competitions, to carry on any other activity within the general scope of providing or carrying out the other purposes of the Corporation set forth in these Articles and permitted by the laws of the United States and the State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE VI

The affairs of the Corporation (except the election of the Board of Directors) shall be managed by a Board of Directors. The powers of the Board of Directors, the qualifications for serving as a director, and the manner of selection of directors shall all be specified in the Corporation's bylaws. The number of directors may be increased or diminished from time to time, as provided in the Corporations's bylaws, but shall never by less than three (3), nor more than nine (9). The names and addresses of the members of the first Board of Directors, who shall hold office until their successors are elected or appointed and have qualified are:

Anthony M. Lawhon
Parrish, Lawhon & Yarnell, P.A.
3431 Pine Ridge Road, Suite 1
Naples, Florida 34109

John P. White
John P. White, P.A.
1575 Pine Ridge Road, Suite 10
Naples, Florida 34109

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Ann E. White John P. White, P.A. 1575 Pine Ridge Road, Suite 10 Naples, Florida 34109

#### ARTICLE VII

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its Directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payment and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article IV 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 no 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 or engage in political activities of any kind, except as permitted by the provisions of Section 501(h) of the Code. The Corporation shall make a Section 501(h) election effect for its first year of operation.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a Corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or (b) by a Corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Sections 170(a), 2055, 2100(a)(2) and 2522 of the Code.

In the event that the Corporation shall be considered to be a private foundation, as such term is defined in Section (a) of the Code, then In that event, the Corporation:

- a. Shall distribute its income for each tax year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Code; and
- b. Shall not (i) engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Code; (ii) retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Code; (iii) make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Code; or (iv) make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Code.

# ARTICLE VIII

The Corporation is to exist perpetually.

#### ARTICLE IX

Except as otherwise provided in these Articles, these Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the Corporation may be amended, altered, restated or repeated only by the affirmative vote of two thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of Directors.

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## **ARTICLE X**

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in sections 501(c)(3) and 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or to the federal, state, or local government for exclusive public purpose.

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 qualifying for exemption from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto executed these Articles of Incorporation on this December 12, 2008.

John P. White, Incorporator

Sworn to and subscribed before me in Collier County, Florida on this December 12, 2008

Notary Public

My Commission Expres

MAADI J. SHULER
MY COMMISSION # DD 662403
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# CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 607.0505 Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered office/registered agent, in the State of Florida.

1. The name of the corporation is:

Florida K-9 Search & Recovery, Inc.

2. The name and streat address of the registered agent and registered office is:

John P. White John P. White, P.A. 1575 Pine Ridge Road, Suite 10 Naples, Florida 34109

Dated this December 12, 2008

Having been named to accept service of process for the above Corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I accept the duties and obligations of Section 607.325 Florida Statutes.

John P. White

Dated this December 12, 2008