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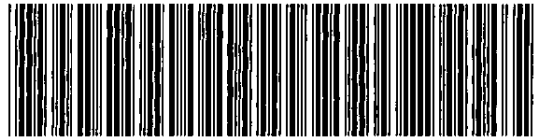
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## COVER LETTER

Department of State  
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**SUBJECT:** International Veterinary Forensic Sciences Association, 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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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: Bruce Goldberger  
Name (Printed or typed)

4800 SW 35th Drive  
Address

Gainesville, FL 32608  
City, State & Zip

352-265-0680 x 72001  
Daytime Telephone number

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

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
THE INTERNATIONAL VETERINARY  
FORENSIC SCIENCES ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**ARTICLE I  
NAME**

The Corporation shall be known as **The International Veterinary Forensic Sciences Association, Inc.** (the "Corporation").

**ARTICLE II  
PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The address of the initial office of the Corporation shall be:

Physical Address: 4800 SW 35th Drive  
Gainesville, FL 32608

Mailing Address: 4800 SW 35th Drive  
Gainesville, FL 32608

**ARTICLE III  
PURPOSES**

The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable and scientific purposes, and for the prevention of cruelty to animals, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The specific purposes and objectives of the Corporation shall include but not be limited to the following:

- (a) To advance and foster excellence in the veterinary forensic sciences;
- (b) To promote the application of forensic science to animal crime scenes and cases of animal abuse, neglect, cruelty, fighting, and death through the education of veterinarians, law enforcement officials and others involved in the enforcement of crimes against and involving animals;
- (c) To reduce the burdens on government by educating and providing resources for attorneys and law enforcement officers engaged in the investigation and prosecution of cases involving animal abuse, neglect, cruelty, fighting, and death; and
- (d) To prevent cruelty to animals.

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#### **ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION**

All members of the Board of Directors will be elected by a majority vote of those members of the Corporation authorized to vote pursuant to the Corporation's Bylaws. All Officers will be elected by the Board of Directors pursuant to the Corporation's Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE V BOARD MEMBERS**

The initial board members of the Corporation are as follows:

<i>Veterinary Science:</i>	Melinda Merck, DVM Senior Director of Veterinary Forensic Science Anti-Cruelty Initiatives The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
<i>Applied Forensic Sciences:</i>	Bruce A. Goldberger, Ph.D. William R. Maples Center for Forensic Medicine University of Florida College of Medicine Gainesville, Florida
<i>Forensic Sciences Education:</i>	Jason H. Byrd, Ph.D. William R. Maples Center for Forensic Medicine University of Florida College of Medicine Gainesville, Florida
<i>Legal Prosecution:</i>	Diane Balkin, J.D. Chief Deputy District Attorney Denver, Colorado
<i>Law Enforcement:</i>	Michael W. Duffey Animal Cruelty Investigator Humane Society of Southern Arizona
<i>Member-at-Large:</i>	Randall Lockwood, Ph.D. Senior Vice President Anti-Cruelty Field Services The American Society for the Prevention Of Cruelty to Animals

## **ARTICLE VI POWERS**

In furtherance of the foregoing purposes and objectives (but not otherwise) and subject to the restrictions set forth below, the Corporation shall have and may exercise all of the powers now or hereafter conferred upon nonprofit corporations organized under the laws of the State of Florida and may do everything necessary or convenient for the accomplishment of any of the corporate purposes either alone or in connection with other corporations, firms, agencies or individuals, and either as principal or agent, subject to such limitations as are or may be prescribed by law.

The following restrictions shall exist upon the powers of the board of directors and officers of the Corporation:

(a) No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any director or officer of the Corporation, or any other individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation affecting one or more of its purposes), and no director or officer of the Corporation, or any other individual shall be entitled to share in any distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Corporation or otherwise. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation. The Corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

(b) No part of the assets of the Corporation shall be contributed to any organization whose net earnings or any part thereof inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or other individual or any substantial part of the activities of which consists of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

(c) These Articles specifically prohibit any grants or loans to any member of the board of directors or officers of the Corporation. Reasonable compensation for services in fact provided to the Corporation may be paid to any person, including members of the board of directors of the Corporation.

(d) On dissolution of the Corporation, all of its assets shall be paid over or transferred to one or more exempt organizations of the kind described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code (or the corresponding section of any other Internal Revenue Code or federal revenue law hereafter in effect), contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 of the Code. The organization to receive such property shall be designated by the Corporation's board of directors. Any assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction located in the county in which the Corporation maintains its principal office, exclusively for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or to such organization or organizations, as

said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

(e) Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code (or the corresponding section of any future Internal Revenue Code or federal revenue law), contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 of the Code. Furthermore, in any year in which the Corporation constitutes a private foundation as defined in Section 509(a) of the Code, other than a private operating foundation, as that term is defined in Code Section 4942(j)(3), the following requirements or prohibitions shall exist upon the Corporation:

(i) The Corporation shall distribute its income for such taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax and undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws;

(ii) The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws;

(iii) The Corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws;

(iv) The Corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws; and

(v) The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

## **ARTICLE VII REGISTERED AGENT**

The registered agent of the Corporation shall be:

Dr. Bruce A. Goldberger  
William R. Maples Center for Forensic Medicine  
University of Florida, College of Medicine  
4800 SW 35<sup>th</sup> Drive  
Gainesville, Florida 32608

## ARTICLE VIII INCORPORATOR

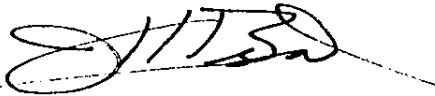
The name and address of the incorporator is:

Dr. Jason H. Byrd  
William R. Maples Center for Forensic Medicine  
University of Florida College of Medicine  
4800 SW 35<sup>th</sup> Drive  
Gainesville, FL 32608

The undersigned incorporator certifies both that he executed these Articles for the purposes herein stated, and that by such execution, he affirms the understanding that should any of the information in these Articles be intentionally or knowingly misstated, he is subject to criminal penalties for perjury.

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*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 agree to act in this capacity.*



April 24, 2009

Signature/Registered Agent

Date

April 24, 2009



Signature/Incorporator

Date

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