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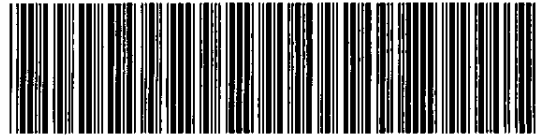
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**HELPING HANDS OF THE SHELTER, INC.**

**4429 N. LYMAN HENDRY RD.**

**PERRY, FL 32347**

**April 28, 2010**

**Department of State**

**Division of Corporations**

**P.O. Box 6327**

**Tallahassee, FL 32314**

**Subject: Helping Hands of the Shelter, Inc.**

**EIN 80-8218466**

**Dear Person:**

**As part of our application for Federal tax-exempt status, I understand this organization must file articles of incorporation with the state of Florida. Enclosed are the articles of incorporation for Helping Hands of the Shelter, inc. as approved at their April 20, 2010 meeting. I am also enclosing a copy of the organization's bylaws.**

**The enclosed check for \$70 is to cover the filing fee and the fee for the designated agent.**

**Should you have questions or need additional information, please contact me at 850-584-4170 or at the above address.**

**Sincerely,**



**Lois A. Padgett**

**Secretary**

**Enclosures: Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws , Check**

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

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**ARTICLE I**

The name of the corporation shall be: **Helping Hands of the Shelter, Inc.**

**ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal office of the corporation shall be **4429 N. Lyman Hendry Road,  
Perry, Florida 32347**

**ARTICLE III PURPOSE**

The purpose of this corporation shall be:

- (a) to increase the adoption rate of shelter animals;
- (b) to provide and insure basic health and nutrition for adoptable shelter animals;
- (c) To provide educational opportunities to the citizens of Taylor County about animal over population and the need for spay/neuter programs and basic animal healthcare needs;
- (d) to work toward solving the problem of animal overpopulation;
- (e) to oppose the release of any animal from public and private shelters for the purpose of biomedical research or any other purpose inhumane to the animals.

**ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION**

Nominees for office must be present at the time nominated and are required to have a second from a voting member present at this meeting. The nominee must accept or decline the nomination at this time.

Directors/officers must be elected by a plurality of votes cast by ballot at the annual meeting.

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**ARTICLE V INITIAL DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS**

Vicki McManus -- President and Director - 715 N. Quincy Street, Perry, FL 32347

Lois Padgett -- Secretary and Director - 4429 N. Lyman Hendry Rd, Perry, FL 32347

Dodd Franklin -- Treasurer and Director - 3548 Woods Creek Rd., Perry, FL 32347

Gayle Ancog -- Director - 604 W. Ash St. Perry, FL 2347

Colleen Bettilyon -- Director - 826 E. Cherry St., Perry, FL 32347

Jill Gravel-Bartalini -- Director -- P.O. Box 662, Perry, FL 32347

Barbara Franklin -- Director - 3548 Woods Creek Rd., Perry, FL 32347

Heather Jensen -- Director - 5679 Woods Creek Rd., Perry, FL 32347

Martha Wiggins -- Director - 801 E. Leon St., Perry, FL 32347

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**ARTICLE VI INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS**

Dodd Franklin, 3548 Woods Creek Rd., Perry, FL 32347

**ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR**

Lois Padgett, 4429 N. Lyman Hendry Rd., Perry, FL 32347

*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*

Dodd Franklin

Signature/Registered Agent

04-20-10

Date

Lois A. Padgett

Signature/Incorporator

04-20-10

Date