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May 27, 2011

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

> RE: Service Animals for Vets and Emotionally Disabled, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

In reference to the above, I am transmitting herewith the following:

Original and one copy of the proposed Articles of Incorporation; Designation of Place of Business and Appointment of resident Agent; Check in the amount of \$78.75;

If satisfactory, please furnish this office with one certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Gregory H. Fisher



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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

## SERVICE ANIMALS FOR VETS AND EMOTIONALLY DISABLED, IN

#### Article I Name

The name of this corporation is SERVICE ANIMALS FOR VETS AND EMOTIONALLY DISABLED, INC.

### Article II Enabling Law

This is a nonprofit corporation organized solely for general charitable purposes pursuant to Florida Corporations Not for Profit law set forth in Part I of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes.

# Article III

Purpose

The specific and primary purpose for which this corporation is formed are to operate for the advancement of educational, cultural and for other charitable purposes, by the distribution of its funds for such purposes, and particularly to provide a family style day program to bring together America's Veterans and the Emotionally Disabled to foster growth in areas of their lives, by providing a variety of activities, including working with service, therapy and companion "animals -in-training" to prepare the animals and eventually their forever disabled partners to come together as one to live "abled" confident lives.

The purposes for which this corporation is formed are to operate exclusively for such educational, cultural and charitable purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal Tax Laws, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations which qualify as tax-exempt organizations under that code.

This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for nonprofit purposes, and no part of any net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any member, director or officer.

This corporation shall have and exercise all rights and powers conferred upon corporations under

the laws of the State of Florida, provided, however, that this corporation in not empowered to engage in any activity that in itself is not in furtherance of its purposes as set forth in this article and this corporation shall not, as a substantial part of its activities, carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation; nor shall it participate or intervene (by publication or distribution of any statements or otherwise) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or to the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

## Article IV

Term

This corporation shall have a perpetual existence.

## Article V

## Incorporators

The named and residences of the subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

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Barbara J. Biava 6130 27<sup>th</sup> Street North St. Petersburg, FL 33714

Glenn A. Biava 6130 27<sup>th</sup> Street North St. Petersburg, FL 33714

Linda Post 518 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South - #905 St Petersburg, FL 33701

## Article VI

#### Membership

The authorized number, qualifications, and manner of admission of members to this corporation, the different classes of membership, if any, the property, voting and other rights and privileges of members, the liability of members for dues and the method of collection thereof, and the termination and transfer of membership shall be as set forth in the by-laws of this corporation.

### Article VII Management of Corporate Affairs

(a) Board of Directors - The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, it properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by a board of not less than three nor more than twenty directors. The number of directors herein provided for may be changed by a by-law adopted by the members entitled to vote. Directors whose terms shall have expired shall be elected by majority vote of membership.

The names and addresses of the persons constituting the first Board of Directors who are to act in that capacity until the election of Directors at the first annual meetings are:

Barbara J. Biava 6130 27<sup>th</sup> Street North St. Petersburg, FL 33714

Glenn A. Biava 6130 27<sup>th</sup> Street North St. Petersburg, FL 33714

Linda Post 518 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South - #905 St Petersburg, FL 33701

(b) Elective Officers - The officers of this corporation shall be a President, Vice President and Secretary. Other offices and officers may be established or appointed by members of this corporation at any regular meeting. The qualifications, the time and manner of electing or appointing, the duties of, the terms of office, and the manner of removing officers shall be as set forth in the by-laws.

The officers who are to serve until the first election of officers under the Articles of Incorporation are:

President: Barbara J. Biava 6130 27<sup>th</sup> Street North St. Petersburg, FL 33714

Secretary: Linda Post 518 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South - #905 St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Vice President: Glenn A. Biava 6130 27<sup>th</sup> Street North

#### St. Petersburg, FL 33714

## Article VIII Location of Registered Office; Identification of Registered Agent

(a) The address of this corporation's initial registered office and the principal office of the corporation in the State of Florida is 6130 27<sup>th</sup> Street North, St Petersburg, Florida 33714.

(b) The name of this corporation's initial registered agent at the above address is Barbara J. Biava.

#### Article IX By-Laws

By-Laws will be hereinafter adopted at the first meeting of the Board of Directors. Such by-laws may be amended or repealed in whole or in part by the Directors in the manner provided therein. Any amendments to the by-laws shall be binding of all members of this corporation.

### Article X Amendment of Articles

Amendment of these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by a resolution adopted by the Board of Directors and presented to the Board of Directors for their vote. Amendments may be adopted by a vote of the majority of the Board of Directors or as may be provided by law.

## Article IX

## Dissolution

Upon the dissolution or winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payments, of all debts and liabilities of the corporation, shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal Tax Laws.

Barbara

enn A. Biava Linda Post

## STATE OF FLORIDA

## COUNTY OF PINELLAS

Before me the undersigned authority, personally appeared Barbara J. Biava, who produced the following type of identification:  $\rho_{\rm c}$   $\rho_{\rm c}$ , and she acknowledged that she executed the foregoing freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this <u>**25**</u> day of May, 2011.

Gregory H. Fisher, Notary Public My Commission Expires:



GREGORY H. FISHER MY COMMISSION # DD 912710 EXPIRES: August 16, 2013 Bonded Thru Budget Notary Services

## CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR WHICH SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

In Pursuance of Chapter 48.091, Florida Statute, the following is submitted in compliance with said Act:

That SERVICE ANIMALS FOR VETS AND EMOTIONALLY DISABLED, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, at the City of St. Petersburg, County of Pinellas, State of Florida, has named Barbara J. Biava, whose address is 6130 27<sup>th</sup> Street North, St. Petersburg, County of Pinellas, State of Florida, as its agent to accept process within this state.

Barbara/J. Biava

President

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of said\_Act relative to keeping open said office.

Barbara / Biava Registered Agent

