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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF MERYMAN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY, INC.

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I

NAME AND ADDRESS

The name of the corporation is MERYMAN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY, INC. The street address of the corporation is 10408 Bloomingdale Avenue, Riverview, Florida 33578.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

- (a) This corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (the "Code"), or any statute of similar import. Its purpose shall be to provide a sanctuary and care for native and exotic animal species.
- (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, no part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of any director, officer, employee or member of this corporation or any private individual and no director, officer, employee or member of this corporation or any other individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets upon dissolution of this corporation.
- (c) Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, no substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or

otherwise attempting, to influence legislation and this corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (inducing the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaigns on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.

- (d) Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activity not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or any statute of similar import, or regulations issues thereunder from time to time or by an organization to which contributions are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code, or any statute of similar import or regulations issued thereunder from time to time.
- (e) Upon dissolution of this corporation or the winding up of its affairs, the assets of this corporation shall be distributed exclusively to one or more charitable, religious, scientific, literary or educational organizations that would then qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or any statute of similar import or regulations issued thereunder from time to time and no director, officer, or member or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the assets.

ARTICLE III

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The initial directors of the Corporation shall be:

Charles Dale Meryman 10408 Bloomingdale Avenue Riverview, Florida 33578

Mona J. Meryman 5925 Lake Meryman Way Riverview, FL 33578 Clayton R. Shoot 1002 N. 9th Street Alpine, TX 79830

Commencing with the first annual meeting of the Corporation the directors shall be elected as provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IV

EXISTENCE OF CORPORATION

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE V

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

These Articles may be amended by resolution adopted by the majority vote of the Board of Directors of this corporation present at any meeting duly called and convened; provided, however, that unless ten days' advance notice of the amendment or amendments to be considered at such meeting shall have been given in writing by mail to each Director prior to such meeting, or such notice shall have been waived in writing, these Articles may be amended only by resolution adopted by the majority vote of the Directors.

ARTICLE VI

REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 10408 Bloomingdale Avenue, Riverview, Florida 33578, and the name of the initial registered agent of the corporation at that address is Charles Dale Meryman.

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ARTICLE VII

INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the person signing these Articles as incorporator is:

<u>Name</u>

<u>Address</u>

Charles Dale Meryman

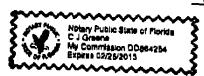
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has made and subscribed these Articles of Incorporation at Riverview, Florida, this <u>2.7</u> day of April, 2012.

Charles Dale Meryman

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Hillings

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<u>CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION</u> <u>REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE</u>

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 617.0501, 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: MERYMAN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY, INC.
- 2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Charles Dale Meryman 10408 Bloomingdale Avenue Riverview, Florida 33578

HAVING BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT AND TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT AND AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY. I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATING TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES, AND I AM FAMILIAR WITH AND ACCEPT THE OBLIGATIONS OF MY POSITION AS REGISTERED AGENT.

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