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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

## Animal Advocates FL, Inc.

A Florida "Not for Profit" Corporation

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation under Chapter 617 of Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

#### Article I NAME OF CORPORATION

The name of the corporation is Animal Advocates FL, Inc.

### Article II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of the corporation is located at 3312 Palmway Drive, Sanford, FL 32773.

#### Article III MAILING ADDRESS

The mailing address of the corporation is P.O. Box 4321, Sanford, FL 32772.

## Article IV REGISTERED AGENT

The name of the registered agent of the corporation is Susan E. Crampton. The address of this registered agent is 3312 Palmway Drive. Sanford, FL 32773

## Article V DURATION/MEMBERSHIP

The period of duration is perpetual. The qualification for members, if any, and the manner of their admission shall be regulated by the Bylaws.

#### Article VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The method of selection of the Board of Directors shall consist of three or more natural persons. The number of directors shall not exceed thirteen and shall be stated in the Bylaws. The method of selection of the Board of Directors shall be stated in the Bylaws. The Initial Board of Directors will consist of five members, as follows:

Amoret Bridwell – P.O. Box 4321, Sanford, FL 32772 – President MaryLou Holcomb Chandler – P.O. Box 4321, Sanford, FL 32772 – Vice President Patricia Ryan – P.O. Box 4321, Sanford, FL 32772 – Secretary Sue LaRosa – P.O. Box 4321, Sanford, FL 32772 – Treasurer Rosemarie Fox – P.O. Box 4321, Sanford, FL 32772 - Director

## Article VII INCORPORATORS

The name and address of the incorporator is: Susan E. Crampton, 3312 Palmway Drive, Sanford, FL 32773.



### Article VIII CORPORATE PURPOSES

The purposes for which this corporation is formed are exclusively to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome abandoned and unwanted animals from a local high kill shelter euthanasia list, from abuse and consist of the following:

- A. "Animal Advocates FL, Inc." is primarily a web based rescue who's purpose is to secure animals from local high kill shelters, euthanasia lists, as well as intervening when an individual is no longer able to care for animals in their possession.

  Our goal is to save those we can, when we can, as often as we can.
- B. We have no "kenneled" facility that houses our animals. We have dedicated fosters who incorporate these animals into their families. This dynamic allows us to fully evaluate the animals in a variety if settings to ready them for their forever homes.
- C. We educate the public with regard to the importance of spay, neuter programs and provide low cost alternatives to basic veterinary care. Behavioral and nutritional information is also addressed...we always encourage to adopt, not shop. When possible we assist families by providing information that with effort will keep the gentle souls and will allow them retain their pets.
- D. All of the animals available for adoption have been spayed/neutered, with current vaccines including rabies. They are maintained on both flea had heartworm preventative. Any medical as well as behavioral issues have been addressed and are fully disclosed before the time of adoption.
- E. We provide safe, temporary housing and medical care, as needed, to rescued pets. To provide care until permanent placement with new families can be found. To promote the no-kill philosophy for future generations by guaranteeing each pet's sterility.
- F. To accept donations and contributions to support the organization's stated goals.

#### Article IX 501(c)(3) LIMITATIONS

- A. CORPORATE PURPOSES: Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal and state 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.
- B. EXCLUSIVITY: The Corporation is organized exclusively for rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming abandoned and unwanted animals.
- C. NO PRIVATE INUREMENT: The Corporation is not organized nor shall it be operated for the primary purpose of generating financial gain or profit. The Corporation shall not distribute any gains, profits or dividends to the Directors, Officers, or Members thereof, or to any individual, except as reasonable compensation for services actually performed in carrying out the Corporation's charitable and educational purposes. The property, assets, profits and net income of the Corporation are irrevocably dedicated to charitable and educational purposes no part of which shall inure to the benefit of any individual.
- D. LOBBYING AND POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS: No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- E. DISSOLUTION: Upon winding up and dissolution of the Corporation, the assets of the Corporation remaining after payment of all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to an organization recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to be used exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. If the Corporation holds any assets in trust, such assets shall be disposed of in such a manner as may be directed by decree of the Circuit Court of the district in which the Corporation's principal office is located, upon petition thereof by the Attorney General or by any person concerned in the liquidation.

- "PRIVATE FOUNDATION" PROVISIONS: In the event this Corporation is considered to be a "Private Foundation" by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service under provisions of the United States Code the following provisions apply:
- The Corporation will distribute its income for each tax year at a time and in a manner as not to become subject to the tax on 1.) undistributed income imposed by section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- The Corporation will not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the 2.) corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- 3.) The Corporation will not retain any excess business holdings as defined in section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- 4.) The Corporation will not make any investments in a manner as to subject it to tax under section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- 5.) The Corporation will not make any taxable expenditures as defined in section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### Article X INDEMNIFICATION

Any person (and the heirs, executors and administrators of such person) made or threatened to be made a party to any action, suit of proceeding by reason of the fact that he is or was a Director or Officer of the Corporation shall be indemnified by the Corporation against any and all liability and the reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees and disbursements, incurred by him (or by his heirs, executors or administrators) in connection with the defense or settlement of such action, suit or proceeding, or in connection with any appearance therein, except in relation to matters as to which it shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding that such Director or Officer is liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duties. Such right of indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which such Director or Officer (or such heirs, executors of administrators) may be entitled apart from this Article.

#### **EXECUTION**

These Articles of Incorporation are hereby executed by the incorporator on this 31st day of January, 2013.

Susan E. Crampton

**REGISTERED AGENT'S** ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT

I hereby accept my appointment as registered agent for Animal Advocates FL, Inc, a Florida not for Profit Gorporation.

Date: 1-31-2013

Susan E. Crampton