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June 24, 2013

Department of State Division of Corporations PO Box 6327 2661 Executive Center Circle Tallahassee, FL 32301 T: 850-245-6052

Subject:

Filing Articles of Incorporation for:

SKY ACRES REFUGE, INC.

Please find 2 copies of the Articles of Incorporation and payment to file the Articles of Incorporation along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope for return service.

Please return proof of filing to:

Joseph J. Gleason Attorney at Law 1545 East Lake Parker Drive Lakeland, Florida 33801

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and prompt attention to this matter. If needed, you can contact me at the following phone number:

1-863-667-1043

or email:

Counsel@gleason.net

Sincerely highly Illown

Joseph J. Gleason

#### NONPROFIT CORPORATION ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Pursuant to §617 of the laws of Florida, the undersigned majority of whom are citizens of the United States, do hereby submit these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation.

#### ARTICLE 1

Name

The name of the corporation is:

Sky Acres Refuge, Inc.

#### **ARTICLE 2**

Existence

The corporation shall have perpetual existence.

#### **ARTICLE 3**

Effective Date

The effective date of incorporation shall be upon filing by the Secretary of State.

#### **ARTICLE 4**

Members

The corporation will not have members.

#### ARTICLE 5

Type of non profit corporation The corporation is not for profit Education and a Public Benefit Corporation.

#### ARTICLE 6

Registered Agent and Office

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is:

SKY ACRES REFUGE, INC. C/O JOSEPH J. GLEASON ATTORNEY AT LAW 1545 EAST LAKE PARKER DRIVE LAKELAND, FLORIDA 33801-2707

The name of the initial registered agent is: JOSEPH J. GLEASON ATTORNEY AT LAW

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.

## ARTICLE 7 Principal Office

The corporation has a principal office.

The street address of the principal office is: SKY ACRES REFUGE, INC. 8140 Tom Costine Road Lakeland, Florida 33809

ARTICLE 8
Mailing Address

SKY ACRES REFUGE, INC. 8140 Tom Costine Road Lakeland, Florida 33809

ARTICLE 9
Directors

The directors will be elected, maintained, and appointed in accordance with the corporation's bylaws. The corporation's initial directors are as follows:

FRANK STEWART, 8140 Tom Costine Road, Lakeland, Florida 33809 JOSEPH J. GLEASON, 1545 East Lake Parker Drive, Lakeland, Florida 33801

## ARTICLE 10 Indemnification

The corporation does indemnify any directors, officers, employees, incorporators, and members of the corporation from any liability regarding the corporation and the affairs of the corporation, unless the person fraudulently and intentionally violated the law and/or maliciously conducted acts to damage and/or defraud the corporation, or as otherwise provided under applicable statute.

## ARTICLE 11 Purpose

The purpose of the corporation is exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the internal revenue code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code and herein stated as follows:

The corporation is formed to educate the general public about the work being performed to nurture miniature deer and horses back to health and provide them a safe environment for thriving and breeding, protecting them from extinction and returning to nature where feasible.

The work begun by its founder is a model example of cooperation between state and private interests for the purpose of wildlife protection and preservation of endangered animals.

## ARTICLE 12 Prohibited Activities

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 11. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

## ARTICLE 13 Distributions upon Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the legal liabilities of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE 14
Incorporator

JOSEPH J. GLEASON TTORNEY AT LAW

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