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## FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Division of Corporations

February 3, 2016

CAROLINE OLAUSEN / VORG, INC. 12364 102ND STREET LARGO, FL 33773 US

SUBJECT: VORG, INC. Ref. Number: N15000009780

We have received your document for VORG, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$52.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Please file the document as either Articles of Amendment or Restated Articles of Incorporation pursuant to applicable Florida Statutes.

You must file either an amendment or amended and restated. Your original articles of incorporation never change. If you file the amended and restated please make sure everything you need to change is in that document.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6050.

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#### **COVER LETTER**

**TO:** Amendment Section Division of Corporations

NAME OF CORPORATION	Vorg, Inc.					
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The enclosed Articles of Am	endment and fee are subm	nitted for filing.				
Please return all corresponde	ence concerning this matter	r to the following:				
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### Amended & Restated **VORG, INC. ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

Articles of Incorporation of the undersigned, whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a Non-Profit Corporation under the Non-Profit Corporation Law of Florida, do hereby certify:

#### ARTICLE I. Name

The name of the Corporation shall be Vorg, Inc.

#### ARTICLE II. Location

The place in this state where the principal office of the Corporation is to be located is the City of Largo, Pinellas County.

#### **ARTICLE III. Corporate Purpose**

Said corporation is organized 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.

#### Section 1. Specific Purpose

Vorg, Inc. explores new applications of technology to improve the practice of veterinary medicine through research, the improvement of veterinary diagnostics, and education.

#### **ARTICLE IV. Purpose Limitations**

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 Third hereof. 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

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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 V. Board of Directors**

#### Section 1. Initial Board of Directors

The names and addresses of the persons who are the initial trustees of the corporation are as follows: Caroline Olausen, 12364 102nd St., Largo FL, 33773; Dan Olausen, 350 Home Park Ave. NW, Atlanta, GA, 30318; Sara Anderson, 276 Catalpa Place, Pittsburgh, PA, 15228.

#### Section 2. General Purpose

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have control of and be responsible for the management of the affairs and property of the Corporation.

#### Section 3. Number & Tenure

The number of Directors shall be fixed from time-to-time by the Directors but shall consist of no less than three (3) nor more than fifteen (15) including the following officers: the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer.

The members of the Board of Directors shall, upon election, immediately enter upon the performance of their duties and shall continue in office until their successors shall be duly elected and qualified. All members of the Board of Directors must be approved by a majority vote of the members present and voting.

#### Section 4. Regular & Annual Meetings

An annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held at a time and day in the month of January of each calendar year. The Board of Directors may provide by resolution the time and

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place, for the holding of regular meetings of the Board. Notice of these meetings shall be sent to all members of the Board of Directors no less than ten (10) days, prior to the meeting date.

#### Section 5. Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by or at the request of the President or any two members of the Board of Directors.

#### Section 6. Notice

Notice of any special meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given at least two (2) days in advance of the meeting by telephone, facsimile or electronic methods or by written notice. Any Director may waive notice of any meeting. The attendance of a Director at any meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a Director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular meeting of the Board of Directors need be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting, unless specifically required by law or by these by-laws.

#### Section 7. Quorum

The presence, in person of a majority of current members of the Board of Directors shall be necessary at any meeting to constitute a quorum to transact business, but a lesser number shall have power to adjourn to a specified later date without notice. The act of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors, unless the act of a greater number is required by law or by these by-laws.

#### Section 7. Vacancies

Whenever any vacancy occurs in the Board of Directors it shall be filled without undue delay by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Directors at a regular meeting.

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Vacancies may be created and filled according to specific methods approved by the Board of Directors.

#### Section 8. Compensation

Members of the Board of Directors shall not receive any compensation for their services as Directors.

#### Section 9. Informal Action by Directors

Any action required by law to be taken at a meeting of the Directors, or any action which may be taken at a meeting of Directors, may be taken without a meeting if a consent in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by two-thirds (2/3) of all of the Directors following notice of the intended action to all members of the Board of Directors.

#### Section 10, Confidentiality

Directors shall not discuss or disclose information about the Corporation or its activities to any person or entity unless such information is already a matter of public knowledge, such person or entity has a need to know, or the disclosure of such information is in furtherance of the Corporations' purposes, or can reasonably be expected to benefit the Corporation. Directors shall use discretion and good business judgment in discussing the affairs of the Corporation with third parties. Without limiting the foregoing, Directors may discuss upcoming fundraisers and the purposes and functions of the Corporation, including but not limited to accounts on deposit in financial institutions.

#### Section 11, Parliamentary Procedure

Any question concerning parliamentary procedure at meetings shall be determined by the President by reference to Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 12. Removal.

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Any member of the Board of Directors may be removed with or without cause, at any time, by vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the members of the Board of Directors if in their judgment the best interest of the Corporation would be served thereby. Each member of the Board of Directors must receive written notice of the proposed removal at least ten (10) days in advance of the proposed action. An officer who has been removed as a member of the Board of Directors shall automatically be removed from office.

#### **ARTICLE VI. Officers**

The officers of this Board shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. All officers must have the status of active members of the Board.

#### Section 1. President

The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership. The President shall have the following duties:

- a. He/She shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee.
- b. He/She shall have general superintendence and direction of all other officers of this corporation and see that their duties are properly performed.
- c. He/She shall be Ex-officio member of all standing committees and shall have the power and duties usually vested in the office of the President.

#### Section 2. Vice-President

The Vice-President shall be vested with all the powers and shall perform all the duties of the President during the absence of the latter.

#### Section 3. Secretary

The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Executive Committee and will act as a clerk thereof. The Secretary's duties shall consist of:

 He/She shall record all votes and minutes of all proceedings electronically to be kept for that purpose.

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Section 4. Treasurer

The Treasurers duties shall be:

He/She shall present a complete and accurate report of the finances at any time upon

request of the Directors.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to assist in direct audits of the funds of the program

according to funding source guidelines and generally accepted accounting principles.

Section 5. Election of Officers

Nominations for Officer positions will be made by Directors at the annual meeting. Directors will

vote, with a two-thirds (%) majority needed for appointment. Officers will hold their positions for

three years after appointment.

Section 6. Removal of Officer

The Board of Directors with the concurrence of three-fourths (%) of the members voting at the

meeting may remove any officer of the Board of Directors and elect a successor for the

unexpired term. No officer of the Board of Directors shall be expelled without an opportunity to

be heard and notice of such motion of expulsion shall be given to the member in writing twenty

(20) days prior to the meeting at which motion shall be presented, setting forth the reasons of

the Board for such expulsion.

Section 7. Vacancies

The Board of Directors shall also be responsible for nominating persons to fill vacancies which

occur between annual meetings, including those of officers. The persons so elected shall hold

membership or office for the unexpired term in respect of which such vacancy occurred.

**ARTICLE VII. Committees** 

The board may create committees as needed, such as fundraising, housing, public relations,

data collection, etc. The board chair appoints all committee chairs.

**ARTICLE VIII. Corporate Staff** 

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The Board of Directors shall hire an Chief Executive Officer (CEO) who shall serve at the will of the Board. The CEO shall have immediate and overall supervision of the operations of the Corporation, and shall direct the day-to-day business of the Corporation, maintain the properties of the Corporation, hire, discharge, and determine the salaries and other compensation of all staff members under the CEO's supervision, and perform such additional duties as may be directed by the Board of Directors. No member of the Board of Directors may individually instruct the CEO or any other employee. The CEO shall make such reports at the Board meetings as shall be required by the President or the Board. The CEO shall be an ad-hoc member of all committees.

The CEO may be hired at any meeting of the Board of Directors by a majority vote and shall serve until removed by the Board of Directors upon an affirmative vote of three-quarters (3/4) of the members present at any meeting of the Board Directors. Such removal must be with cause.

#### ARTICLE IX. Conflict of Interest and Compensation

#### Section 1: Purpose

The purpose of the conflict of interest policy is to protect this tax-exempt organization's (Organization) interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an officer or director of the Organization or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

#### Section 2: Definitions

#### a. Interested Person

Any director, principal officer, or member of a committee with governing board delegated powers, who has a direct or indirect financial interest, as defined below, is an interested person.

#### b. Financial Interest

A person has a financial interest if the person has, directly or indirectly, through business, investment, or family:

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- 1. An ownership or investment interest in any entity with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement,
- 2. A compensation arrangement with the Organization or with any entity or individual with which the Organization has a transaction or arrangement, or
- A potential ownership or investment interest in, or compensation arrangement with, any
  entity or individual with which the Organization is negotiating a transaction or arrangement.
   Compensation includes direct and indirect remuneration as well as gifts or favors that are not
  insubstantial.

A financial interest is not necessarily a conflict of interest. A person who has a financial interest may have a conflict of interest only if the appropriate governing board or committee decides that a conflict of interest exists.

#### Section 3. Procedures

- a. Duty to Disclose. In connection with any actual or possible conflict of interest, an interested person must disclose the existence of the financial interest and be given the opportunity to disclose all material facts to the directors and members of committees with governing board delegated powers considering the proposed transaction or arrangement.
- b. Determining Whether a Conflict of Interest Exists. After disclosure of the financial interest and all material facts, and after any discussion with the interested person, he/she shall leave the governing board or committee meeting while the determination of a conflict of interest is discussed and voted upon. The remaining board or committee members shall decide if a conflict of interest exists.
- Procedures for Addressing the Conflict of Interest
- An interested person may make a presentation at the governing board or committee
  meeting, but after the presentation, he/she shall leave the meeting during the discussion of, and
  the vote on, the transaction or arrangement involving the possible conflict of interest.
- The chairperson of the governing board or committee shall, if appropriate, appoint a
  disinterested person or committee to investigate alternatives to the proposed transaction or
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- After exercising due diligence, the governing board or committee shall determine whether
  the Organization can obtain with reasonable efforts a more advantageous transaction or
  arrangement from a person or entity that would not give rise to a conflict of interest.
- 4. If a more advantageous transaction or arrangement is not reasonably possible under circumstances not producing a conflict of interest, the governing board or committee shall determine by a majority vote of the disinterested directors whether the transaction or arrangement is in the Organization's best interest, for its own benefit, and whether it is fair and reasonable. In conformity with the above determination it shall make its decision as to whether to enter into the transaction or arrangement.
- d. Violations of the Conflicts of Interest Policy
- If the governing board or committee has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed
  to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member of the basis for
  such belief and afford the member an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose.
- 2. If, after hearing the member's response and after making further investigation as warranted by the circumstances, the governing board or committee determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate disciplinary and corrective action.

#### Section 4. Records of Proceedings

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The minutes of the governing board and all committees with board delegated powers shall contain:

- a. The names of the persons who disclosed or otherwise were found to have a financial interest in connection with an actual or possible conflict of interest, the nature of the financial interest, any action taken to determine whether a conflict of interest was present, and the governing board's or committee's decision as to whether a conflict of interest in fact existed.
- b. The names of the persons who were present for discussions and votes relating to the transaction or arrangement, the content of the discussion, including any alternatives to the proposed transaction or arrangement, and a record of any votes taken in connection with the proceedings.

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#### Section 5. Compensation

- a. A voting member of the governing board who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
- b. A voting member of any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization for services is precluded from voting on matters pertaining to that member's compensation.
- c. No voting member of the governing board or any committee whose jurisdiction includes compensation matters and who receives compensation, directly or indirectly, from the Organization, either individually or collectively, is prohibited from providing information to any committee regarding compensation.

#### Section 6. Annual Statements

Each director, principal officer and member of a committee with governing board delegated powers shall annually sign a statement which affirms such person:

- a. Has received a copy of the conflicts of interest policy,
- b. Has read and understands the policy,
- c. Has agreed to comply with the policy, and
- d. Understands the Organization is charitable and in order to maintain its federal tax exemption it must engage primarily in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes.

#### Section 7. Periodic Reviews

To ensure the Organization operates in a manner consistent with charitable purposes and does not engage in activities that could jeopardize its tax-exempt status, periodic reviews shall be conducted. The periodic reviews shall, at a minimum, include the following subjects:

a. Whether compensation arrangements and benefits are reasonable, based on competent survey information, and the result of arm's length bargaining.

b. Whether partnerships, joint ventures, and arrangements with management organizations conform to the Organization's written policies, are properly recorded, reflect reasonable investment or payments for goods and services, further charitable purposes and do not result in inurement, impermissible private benefit or in an excess benefit transaction.

#### Section 8. Use of Outside Experts

When conducting the periodic reviews as provided for in Article VII, the Organization may, but need not, use outside advisors. If outside experts are used, their use shall not relieve the governing board of its responsibility for ensuring periodic reviews are conducted.

#### ARTICLE X. Idemnification

#### Section 1. General

To the full extent authorized under the laws of Florida, the corporation shall indemnify any director, officer, employee, or agent, or former member, director, officer, employee, or agent of the corporation, or any person who may have served at the corporation's request as a director or officer of another corporation (each of the foregoing members, directors, officers, employees, agents, and persons is referred to in this Article individually as an "Indemnitee"), against expenses actually and necessarily incurred by such indemnitee in connection with the defense of any action, suit, or proceeding in which that indemnitee is made a party by reason of being or having been such member, director, officer, employee, or agent, except in relation to matters as to which that indemnitee shall have been adjudged in such action, suit, or proceeding to be tiable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of a duty. The foregoing indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which an indemnitee may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, resolution of the Board of Directors, or otherwise.

#### Section 2. Expenses

Expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) incurred in defending a civil or criminal action, suit, or proceeding may be paid by the corporation in advance of the final disposition of such

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action, suit, or proceeding, if authorized by the Board of Directors, upon receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of the indemnitee to repay such amount if it shall ultimately be determined that such indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified hereunder.

#### Section 3. Insurance

The corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a member, director, officer, employee, or agent against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in any such capacity or arising out of such person's status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power or obligation to indemnify such person against such liability under this Article.

#### **ARTICLE XI. Books & Records**

The corporation shall keep complete books and records of account and minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE XII. Amendments**

#### Section 1. Articles of Incorporation

The Articles may be amended in any manner at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors. Amendments of the Articles shall require the affirmative vote of an absolute majority of directors then in office.

#### Section 2. Bylaws

The Board of Directors may amend these Bylaws by majority vote at any regular or special meeting.

#### **ARTICLE XIII. Dissolution Clause**

Upon the dissolution 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

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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.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names this day of December 23, 2015.

Caroline Olausen, DVM, President, Treasurer, & CEO

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Dan Olausen, Vice President

Sara Anderson, DVM, Secretary

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The Board of Directors elected to file these

Amended \$ Restated Articles of Incorporation
by vote during an electronic meeting

on 12/23/2015.

Cardino Olavsen, DUM, President & CEO

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