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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
For
GASPARILLA CHARITY HORSE SHOW, INC.
(Not for Profit)

The undersigned, being duly authorized, hereby submits these Articles of Incorporation (these "Articles") for Gasparilla Charity Horse Show, Inc., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, and certifies as follows:

Article I. NAME

Section 1.01 The name of the Corporation shall be: "Gasparilla Charity Horse Show, Inc." (the "Corporation").

Article II. PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS

Section 2.01 The principal office and mailing address of the Corporation shall be: 10610 Balm Riverview Road, Riverview, FL 33569.

Article III. PURPOSE

Section 3.01 General Purposes. The Corporation shall be organized and operated exclusively for purposes of charitable, scientific, educational, fostering national or international amateur sports competition and/or preventing cruelty to animals, 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 of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law) (the "Code").

The Corporation is organized for purposes of engaging in any activity or business permitted under the laws of the United States and of the State of Florida and shall have all of the powers enumerated in the Florida Not For Profit Corporations Act, Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, as the same now exists and as hereafter amended, and all such other powers as are permitted by applicable law; provided, however, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 3.02 Specific Purposes. In connection herewith, the Corporation shall have the following purposes:

- (a) To educate the public in general horsemanship and matters related to the welfare of horses by any means conducive to that end;
- (b) To educate and train individuals in the art of horsemanship;
- (c) To educate and train individuals and the public in the history of the sport and equestrian activities;

- (d) To encourage and promote horse shows and stimulate awareness of the general public in horse shows;
- (e) To encourage, promote, and advance participation in equestrian activities through education;
- (f) To undertake educational programs in equestrian activities;
- (g) To promote the development and improvement of equines and equestrians;
- (h) To foster national and international amateur equestrian sports competition;
- (i) To prevent cruelty to equines; and
- (j) To assist Florida equestrian facilities with providing quality equestrian activities and equestrian education.

Section 3.03 Restrictions.

(a) No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, directors, or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services actually rendered or goods actually provided to the Corporation, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein.

(b) 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.

(c) If at any time the Corporation is deemed to be a private foundation as defined in Section 509 of the Code, then so long as the Corporation is deemed a private foundation, it shall not, as provided in Section 508(e) of the Code, fail to require its income for each taxable year to be distributed at such time and in such manner as not to subject the Corporation to tax under Section 4942 of the Code, engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Code, retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Code, or make any investments or expenditures in such manner as to subject the Corporation to tax under Section 4944 or Section 4945(d) of the Code.

Article IV. MANNER OF ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT

Section 4.01 The number, qualifications, term of office, method of appointment or election, powers, authority, and duties of the directors and/or officers of the Corporation, the time and place of their meetings, and such other provisions with respect to such directors and/or officers as are not inconsistent with the express provisions of these Articles shall be as specified in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

Article V. OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS

Section 5.01 The current number of directors of the Corporation is five (5).

Section 5.02 The number of directors may be either increased or diminished from time to time by the Board of Directors in accordance with the Bylaws of the Corporation, but there shall always be at least five (5) directors.

Section 5.03 The officers and directors of the Corporation are as follows:

<u>Name and Title</u>	<u>Address</u>
Schmidt, Mary Jo Director & Chairperson	10610 Balm Riverview Road, Riverview, FL 33569
Roush, Pam Director & Co-Chairperson	18029 Lake Reflections Boulevard, Lutz, FL 33558
Gilman, Maria D. Director & Treasurer	20842 Champions Avenue, Land O Lakes, FL 34638
Henry, Lark René Director & Secretary	8990 NW 187th Lane, Reddick, FL 32686
Graham, Ronald Director & Board Member-At-Large	18920 Sunlake Boulevard, Lutz, FL 33558

Article VI. REGISTERED OFFICE; REGISTERED AGENT

Section 6.01 The registered office of the Corporation is 10610 Balm Riverview Road, Riverview, FL 33569. The name and address of the registered agent is: Mary Jo Schmidt, 10610 Balm Riverview Road, Riverview, FL 33569.

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.

Mary Jo Schmidt
Required Signature of Registered Agent

3-9-2017
Date

Article VII. DISSOLUTION

Section 7.01 Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, and after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall dispose of all the assets in a manner not inconsistent with the purposes of the Corporation, including to such organization or organizations which are organized and operated exclusively for tax-exempt purposes, as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the 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, as the Board of Directors shall determine.

Section 7.02 Any such assets not so disposed of by the Board of Directors, as provided above, 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 tax-exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Code or to an organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for tax-exempt purposes and which qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

Article VIII. AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES

Section 8.01 These Articles may be amended in the manner provided by law or as provided for in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

Article IX. MEMBERSHIP

Section 9.01 The Corporation shall not have any members.

Article X. BYLAWS

Section 10.01 The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal the Bylaws of the Corporation shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Corporation has caused these Articles of Incorporation for Gasparilla Charity Horse Show, Inc. to be signed and filed by a duly authorized officer of the Corporation on this 9th day of March, 2017.

**GASPARILLA CHARITY HORSE SHOW,
INC.**

By: Mary Jo Schmidt
Mary Jo Schmidt, Chairperson