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#### **COVER LETTER**

Department of State Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: Nine Lives Cat Sanctuary, Inc.
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME-MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

| \$70.00 Filing Fee | \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status | \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy | \$87.50 Filing Fee, Certified Copy & Certificate |
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| FROM: | Jon Davis                                    |
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|       | Name (Printed or typed)                      |
|       | 10895 SE 131 <sup>st</sup> Lane              |
|       | Ocklawala, FL 32179<br>City, State & Zip     |
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NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF NINE LIVES CAT SANCTUARY, INC.

The undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a nonprofit corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, under the Non-Profit Corporation Law of the State of Florida, do hereby certify:

#### ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation shall be Nine Lives Cat Sanctuary, Inc.

#### ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS

The principal place of business and the mailing address of this corporation shall be:

Marion County, Florida

10895 SE 131st Lane Ocklawaha, FL 32179

#### ARTICLE III **PURPOSES**

Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as except organizations under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The specific purposes of the corporation are:

- to establish a charitable, not -for-profit corporation to prevent cruelty to animals;
- to help reduce the cat population by trapping, spaying and neutering feral/stray cats;
- to provide a housing program; i.e., a safe, healthy environment for as many cats as possible through volunteers, charitable donations, and other fundraising activities that would be available to not-for-profit corporations;
- to work with the community to achieve a goal of eliminating overpopulation and ending euthanasia of healthy animals and increase adoptions;
- to assist the general public with medical fees to treat animals with illnesses, injuries, spays/neuters, and any other medical needs and/or assistance;

ARTICLE IV

#### MANNER OF ELECTION

The initial Board of Directors, and any subsequent directors, hereinafter referred to as "the Board", come together voluntarily. The initial Board, and any subsequent Boards, shall appoint additional directors or replacement directors. The Board shall be the only voting body of the corporation. The initial Board of Directors shall be appointed by the incorporator.

There shall be a minimum of three (3) directors but no more than five (5) directors unless the existing Board creates additional positions, by majority vote. Terms of the directors' tenure shall be five (5) years and may be consecutive. Any directors who resign are asked to provide thirty (30) days' notice to the remaining directors, unless a shorter notice period is agreed by the said director/officer and a majority of the Board.

One position on the Board may be, but does not have to be, filled by a veterinarian. At no time may more than one position on the Board be filled by a veterinarian.

#### **ARTICLE V** INITIAL OFFICERS/DIRECTORS

The names and addresses of the persons who are the initial directors of this corporation are:

- 1. Jon M. Davis, 10895 SE 131st Lane, Ocklawaha, FL 32179
- 2. Wendy B. Davis, 10895 SE 131st Lane, Ocklawaha, FL 32179
- 3. Suzanne D. Keller, 590 Fieldstone Drive, Marco Island, FL 34145

Officers shall receive the titles of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Director.

#### ARTICLE VI INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

Ion M. Davis 10895 SE 131st Lane Ocklawaha, FL 32179

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.

Signature/Registered Agent
Signature/Incorporator

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ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR The names and addresses of the incorporators are:

- 1. Jon M. Davis, 10895 SE 131st Lane, Ocklawaha, FL 32179
- 2. Wendy B. Davis, 10895 SE 131st Lane, Ocklawaha, FL 32179
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#### ARTICLE VIII LIMITATION OF CORPORATE POWERS

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its officers, directors, members, if any, 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 of furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall include the intervention, including publishing or distributing of any statements, in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Further, this corporation shall not attempt to influence legislation for the financial gain of the corporation or its directors.

## ARTICLE IX DISSOLUTION OF CORPORATION

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 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.

## ARTICLE X HOW TO BECOME MEMBERS

Any person, persons, or group may become members by donating to the organization via mail, to the address listed in Article II, in person, or via online donation, of such service becomes available. Members shall not be considered a voting body.

## ARTICLE XI MEETINGS

Directors' meetings shall occur via e-mail, telephone, Web site, oral, written correspondence, and/or meeting in person. Such meetings shall occur as often as necessary to direct the business of the corporation and will take place at least one time per calendar year.

ARTICLE XII SEAL The signature of the President or the Board of Directors may be considered the seal of the corporation. The Board of Directors may provide a corporate seal, which shall be an impression seal containing the name and date of incorporation of the corporation.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names this <u>8th</u> day of <u>Manch</u> 2017.

Signature of Incorporators:

\_\_\_\_\_, Jon M. Davis

, Wendy B. Davis

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