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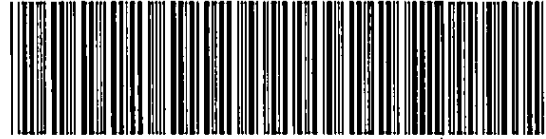
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Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

**SUBJECT:** Lake County Partnership for Animal Welfare & Support, Inc.

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

**FROM:** Elizabeth K. Robuck

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Printed or typed)

610 E. Main Street

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

Leesburg, FL 34748

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State & Zip

(917) 656-3937

\_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Telephone number

info@lakepaws.org

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E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

**NOTE:** Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**Lake County Partnership for Animal Welfare & Support, Inc.**  
*In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)*

The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE I**  
**Name**

The name of the corporation shall be: **Lake County Partnership for Animal Welfare & Support, Inc.**

**ARTICLE II**  
**Principal Office**

The principal place of business (street address) and mailing address of this corporation shall be:

610 E. Main Street  
Leesburg, FL 34748

**ARTICLE III**  
**Purpose**

**Exclusive Purpose:** This 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.

This corporation shall observe all local, state, and federal laws that apply to a non-profit organization as defined in section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

**Specific Purpose:** This corporation is specifically organized to provide community outreach and educational resources to support responsible pet ownership in Central Florida, as well as provide support for organizations that take a creative, holistic, and collaborative approach to benefiting the health and happiness of Central Florida's animals, with a focus on (1) pet retention programs aimed to keep pets in healthy, responsible homes; (2) programs that demonstrate effective collaboration between local municipal and/or nonprofit animal welfare groups to accomplish a unified goal that benefits the animals of Central Florida; and (3) efforts to improve

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shelter conditions to provide comfortable, healthy environments for animals awaiting adoption.

#### **ARTICLE IV Activities Not Permitted**

No substantial part of the corporation's activities shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene (including the publishing or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by any organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### **ARTICLE V Manner of Election**

The business of this corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors. The method of election of directors is as stated in the By-Laws of the corporation. The number of directors of the corporation may be increased or diminished from time to time as set forth in the By-Laws of the corporation, but shall never be less than three (3).

#### **ARTICLE VI Initial Directors**

The initial directors of the corporation and their addresses are:

Elizabeth K. Robuck  
1100 Fairfax Street  
Leesburg, FL 34748

Marci Knauss  
1485 Raintree Lane  
Mount Dora, FL 32757

Seth Ellis  
34041 Parkview Ave  
Eustis, FL 32736

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Ralph Smith  
111 Lakeview Lane  
Mount Dora, FL 32757

**ARTICLE VII**  
**Registered Office and Agent**

The name and street address of the initial registered agent is:

Horace D. Robuck, III  
610 E. Main Street  
Leesburg, FL 34748

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**Incorporators**

The name and street address of the incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation are:

Elizabeth K. Robuck  
1100 Fairfax Street  
Leesburg, FL 34748

**ARTICLE VIX**  
**Term**

This corporation shall exist perpetually until dissolved by due process of law.

**ARTICLE X**  
**Dedicated and Distribution of Assets**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, 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 III 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 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, 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 Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a

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corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

#### **ARTICLE XI Dissolution**

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. 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 XII Effective Date & Term**

The effective date for this corporation shall be the date of filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Florida Department of State.

#### **INCORPORATORS**

The undersigned incorporators submitting these Articles of Incorporation affirm that the facts stated herein are true. We are aware that false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S. We understand the requirement to file an annual report between January 1st and May 1st in the calendar year following formation of this corporation and every year thereafter to maintain active status.

The undersigned incorporators have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 31 day of October, 2017.

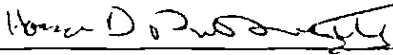
  
Elizabeth K. Robuck - Incorporator

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT**

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above-stated corporations at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

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The undersigned registered agent has executed these Articles of Incorporation this  
31 day of October, 2017.

  
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Horace D. Robuck, III - Registered Agent

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