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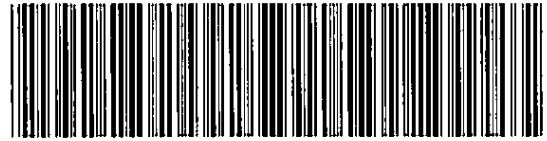
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Post Office Box 6327  
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Re: *USARK, Florida, Inc.,  
not-for-profit corporation*

Dear Sir/Madam:

We enclose our Articles of Incorporation for a new Florida not-for-profit corporation, USARK Florida, Inc., for filing. We also enclose our check in the amount of \$87.50 made payable to the Department of State.

Please contact us if you have any questions. We appreciate your assistance and professional courtesy in this regard.

Cordially yours.



Curt L. Harbsmeier

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Enclosures

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**of**  
**USARK Florida, Inc.**

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The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation, pursuant to Chapter 617, *Florida Statutes*, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

The name of this corporation shall be USARK Florida, Inc.

**ARTICLE II – PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AND MAILING ADDRESS**

The principal place of business and the mailing address of this Corporation shall be 5120 S. Lakeland Drive, Suite 3, Lakeland, Florida, 33813.

**ARTICLE III – PURPOSES**

The specific purposes for which **USARK Florida, Inc.** is organized are:

- a) To exist and operate as a business league within the meaning of Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (the "Code") and no part of the income or assets if this Corporation shall be distributed to, nor inure to the benefit of, any individual;
- b) To represent the best interests of businesses and individuals who are involved in the ownership, possession, transfer, sale, education, scientific study, conservation and any other legal activity associated with live animals and working with live animals in Florida and beyond;
- c) To develop a local network of animal owners, businesses, educators, and conservationists;
- d) To promote the positive image of animal owners, businesses, educators, and conservationists;
- e) To sponsor programs, including youth programs, scholarships and other charitable endeavors associated with live animals; and

- f) To operate, participate in and/or manage any other live animal programs or activities that are not prohibited by law and that do not conflict with the provisions of Section 501(c)(6) of the Code.

#### **ARTICLE IV – POWERS**

This Corporation shall have and exercise all powers of any corporation not for profit as the same now exist, or may hereafter exist under the laws of the State of Florida. No part of the assets, income or profits of this Corporation shall be distributable to, or inure to the benefit of, its members, directors or officers or any private individual, except that this Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation to its employees for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in the furtherance of the purposes set forth herein. Notwithstanding any other provision hereof, this Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(6) of the Code.

#### **ARTICLE V – MEMBERS**

The initial Members shall be: Eugene Bessette, 13916 SW Archer Road, Archer FL 32618; Wayne Hill, 2125 west Lake Hamilton Dr., Winter Haven, FL 33881; Michael Cole, 21 Coyer Road, Haines City, FL 33844; Kim Bell, 8757 Hideaway Harbor Ct., Naples, FL 34120; Mark Bell, 8757 Hideaway Harbor Ct., Naples, FL 34120; Billy Healy, 424 Flagler Rd., Winter Haven, FL 33884; Brian Love, 4455 Military Trail, # 201, Jupiter, FL 33458; Anthony Green, Tampa, FL 33611; Bill Brant, 14260 W Newberry Rd., #414, Newberry, FL 32669; Ty Park, 33900 Bermont Road, Punta Gorda, FL 33982; Elizabeth Wisneski, 4525 South Florida Ave., #19, Lakeland FL 33813; Scott Wisneski, 4525 South Florida Ave., #19, Lakeland, FL 33813; Mike Layman, 25705 SW 22nd Place, Newberry, FL 32669; Eric Russell, 106 Hancock Bridge Pkwy W, #D15-502, Cape Coral, FL 33991; Marc Cantos, 19235 Miami Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33967; and Amir Soleymani, 5850 SW 100 Terr., Miami, FL 33156.

The qualifications of Members and the manner of their admission shall be regulated by the Bylaws.

#### **ARTICLE VI – DIRECTORS AND THE MANNER OF THEIR ELECTION**

The Board of Directors shall consist of at least three (3) members, which number may be increased or decreased from time to time by the Members. The initial members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the Members to serve until the first annual meeting of the Members of this Corporation. Subsequently, the method of election shall be as stated in the Bylaws of this Corporation.

## ARTICLE VII – INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and the street address of the initial registered agent are: Curt Harbsmeier; 5120 S. Lakeland Drive, Suite 3, Lakeland, Florida, 33813.

## ARTICLE VIII – INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the incorporator for these Articles of Incorporation are: Curt Harbsmeier; 5120 S. Lakeland Drive, Suite 3, Lakeland, Florida 33813.

## ARTICLE IX – INDEMNIFICATION

Directors and officers of this Corporation shall, and employees and agents may be, indemnified to the fullest extent permitted by Florida law.

## ARTICLE X- DISSOLUTION

In the event of termination, dissolution or final liquidation of USARK Florida, Inc., any assets will be distributed to USARK, Inc., a separate but similarly situated 501 (c)(6) not-for-profit corporation based in North Carolina.

## ARTICLE XI – BYLAWS

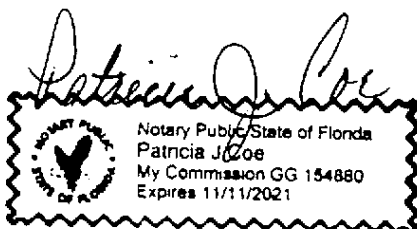
The Board of Directors shall adopt Bylaws for this Corporation and time to time may modify, alter, amend or rescind the same by majority vote of the members of the Board of Directors present at any regular or special meeting or by written consent of all the members of the Board of Directors.

## ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS

This Corporation may amend, alter or repeal any provision of these Articles of Incorporation in the manner now or hereinafter provided by Florida law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA




Curt Harbsmeier

**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION**  
**REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 617.0501, *Florida Statutes*, USARK Florida, Inc., organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered office/registered agent, in the State of Florida.

1. The name of the Corporation is USARK Florida, Inc.
2. The name and address of the registered agent and office are Curt Harbsmeier, 5120 S. Lakeland Drive, Suite 3, Lakeland, Florida 33813.

HAVING BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT AND TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION 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.



Date: 6/28/19