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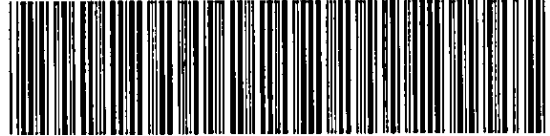
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Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: Sport Aussies of the Sunshine State, 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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☐ \$78.75  
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& Certified Copy

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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: Christina R. Layton, DVM  
Name (Printed or typed)

2603 Southern Oaks Place  
Address

Plant City, FL 33566  
City, State & Zip

813-230-3012  
Daytime Telephone number

christydvm@doglover.com

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

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FL

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
SPORT AUSSIES OF THE SUNSHINE STATE, INC.**

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit under the laws of Florida pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE I**  
**NAME AND ADDRESS**

The name of this Corporation shall be **SPORT AUSSIES OF THE SUNSHINE STATE, INC.** ("Corporation"). The address of the Corporation's principal place of business is 4906 W. Sam Allen Rd, Plant City, Florida 33565 and its mailing address is 4906 W. Sam Allen Rd, Plant City, Florida 33565.

**ARTICLE II**  
**OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES**

The corporation is organized on a not for profit basis as a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), in order to promote the Australian Shepherd dog industry and marketplace. The intention is to provide dog owners, breeders, owners and exhibitors with trials and seminars to show their puppies and dogs to generate excitement for breeding and showing all dogs as well as create a marketplace for these dogs.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, investors, 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 the purpose clause hereof. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this document, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(6), of the Internal Revenue Code, or 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 III**  
**TERM OF EXISTANCE**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 617.0123, Florida Statutes, this Corporation shall begin existence upon the filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State, State of Florida. This Corporation shall have perpetual existence or as determined earlier by the laws of the State of Florida, or by the vote of its Directors as provided in the Bylaws of this Corporation.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have all the powers necessary or appropriate for the administration of the affairs of the Corporation. Directors shall be elected in the manner set forth by the Bylaws. The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than five (5) Directors who shall be elected, qualified as to their membership and hold office in accordance with the provisions of the Bylaws of this Corporation.

The initial members of the Board of Directors shall be:

Christina R. Layton, DVM	1704 Walden Village Ct., Plant City, FL 33566
Lisa Ussery	P.O. Box 1704 Seffner, FL 33583
Beverly Shaw	4922 NW Hickory Street, Arcadia, FL 34266
Sherry Altman	1251 Paradise Way, Venice, FL 34285
Debbie Peavey	9399 Lake Buffum Rd N., Ft. Meade, FL 33841

**ARTICLE V**  
**AMENDMENT OF THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

This corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment hereto, in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by law, upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Board of Directors. Any amendments of the Articles of Incorporation, upon the approval by the Secretary of State of Florida and upon filing the office of the said Secretary of State and paying all required filing fees, shall become and be taken as part of these Articles of Incorporation.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Directors of Corporation shall not cause any amendment or alteration of the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws to be made which would alter the intention and purposes expressed in Article II or which would conflict with the provisions of Articles VI and VII of these articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**RESTRICTIONS**

No part of the net earnings or assets of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any private person, member, investor, director or officer other than for reasonable compensation for services rendered and to confer benefits on its members in conformity with the purposes set forth in Article III of these Articles of Incorporation. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not engage in any activities or exercise any powers, whether express or implied, so as to disqualify the Corporation from exemption from federal income tax under section 501(c)(6) of the Code, or 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 Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**DISSOLUTION**

The Board of Directors shall have the exclusive authority to dissolve the Corporation. In the event the Corporation is dissolved by either voluntary or involuntary means, the assets of the Corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the means of section 501(c)(6) of the Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Australian Shepherd Club of America (ASCA) or other breed association, as determined by the Board of Directors. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court 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 VIII**  
**INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT**

The street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is: 1704 Walden Village Ct., Plant City, FL 33566, and the name of the initial registered agent of the Corporation is Christina R. Layton, DVM.

**ARTICLE IX**  
**INCORPORATOR**

The name and street address of incorporator of the Corporation are as follows: Christina R. Layton, DVM, 1704 Walden Village Ct., Plant City, FL 33566.

*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.*



Christina R. Layton, DVM – Registered Agent

1-10-2020

Date

*I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any 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.*



Christina R. Layton, DVM – Incorporator

1-10-2020

Date

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TALLAHASSEE, FL

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