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# FLORIDA PROFIT/NON PROFIT CORPORATION SUNSHINE STATE POMERANIAN CLUB

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

#### SUNSHINE STATE POMERANIAN CLUB, INC.

The undersigned, acting as incorporator, Cathy M. Driggers, pursuant to Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, hereby forms a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida and adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

#### **ARTICLE I - NAME OF CORPORATION**

The name of this corporation shall be the Sunshine State Pomeranian Club, Inc. (the "Corporation").

# ARTICLE II - ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS OF CORPORATION

The street and mailing address of the principal office of the Corporation is:

765 Cassadaga Road Lake Helen, FL 32744

## ARTICLE III - PURPOSES AND POWERS OF CORPORATION

A. The Corporation is organized exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or such corresponding section of any future federal tax code (hereinafter referred to as the "Code"), including, for all such purposes, making distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Code Section 501(c)(3). To the extent consistent with the preceding sentence and permissible under Florida law, the purposes of the Corporation shall include, but shall not be limited to:

The objects of the Club shall be:

1. To encourage and promote the breeding of pure-bred Pomeranians and to

do all possible to bring their natural qualities to perfection;

- 2. To urge members and breeders to accept the standard of the breed as approved by the American Kennel Club as the only standard of excellence by which Pomeranians shall be judged:
- 3. To do all in its power to protect and advance the interests of the breed and to encourage sportsmanlike competition at dog shows.
- 4. To conduct sanctioned matches, specialty shows and any other event for which the club is eligible under the Rules and Regulations of The American Kennel Club.
- B. The Club shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from dues or donations to the Club shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual. In Accordance with Federal, State and Local Law, no part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, officers, directors, 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 on furtherance of the purposes set forth in the Constitution or in Article I of the Bylaws.
- D. The members of the Club shall adopt and may from time to time revise such bylaws as may be required to carry out these objects.
- E. The Corporation shall be authorized to carry out any and all acts and to exercise any and all corporate powers which may now or hereafter be lawful under the laws of the State of Florida to the extent applicable to corporations not for profit and that are not inconsistent with these Articles of Incorporation.
- F. Notwithstanding anything contained in these Articles of Incorporation to the contrary, the following provisions shall apply:

- 1. 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 to the Corporation and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this Article III.
- 2. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in or intervene in any political campaign (including publishing or distributing statements) on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
- 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, 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 Code Section 501(c)(3), or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Code Section 170(c)(2).
- 4. If the Corporation is, or shall ever be, classified as a "private foundation", as defined in Code Section 509(a), the following provisions shall apply for so long as it remains a private foundation:
  - (a) The Corporation will not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Code.
  - (b) The Corporation will distribute its income for each tax year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Code.
    - (c) The Corporation will not retain any excess business holdings as

defined in Section 4943(c) of the Code.

- (d) The Corporation will not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Code.
- (e) The Corporation will not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Code.

#### ARTICLE IV - DIRECTORS

All corporate power shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the business of the Corporation shall be managed under the direction of, the Officers. The Directors of the Corporation shall be elected or appointed in the manner and for the terms provided in the Bylaws. The number of directors shall be as set forth in the Bylaws, and the Board of Directors shall at all times consist of at least three (3) persons. The names and addresses of the individuals who are to serve as the initial directors of the Corporation are as follows:

Cathy M. Driggers 765 Cassadaga Road Lake Helen, FL 32744

Cindy Ojeda 10806 Dorman Meadow Lane Lithia, FL 33547

> Karina Rankin 5306 Bretts Street Port Orange, FL 32127

> Maria Soto 12565 Twilight Lane Jacksonville, FL 32225

### ARTICLE V - INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation and the name of the initial registered agent of the Corporation at that address is

ZKS Registered Agent Services, LLC 315 E. Robinson Street, Suite 600 Orlando, FL 32801

The Board of Directors may from time to time designate a new registered office and registered agent.

## **ARTICLE VI - INCORPORATORS**

The name and address of the incorporator of the Corporation is:

Cathy M Driggers 765 Cassadaga Road Lake Helen, FL 32744 2022 (MC 14 PH 1: 32

#### ARTICLE VII - DISSOLUTION OF CORPORATION

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, after the payment or provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, all of the assets of the Corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Code Section 501(c)(3), 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 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. In no event, however, may the assets to be disposed of be distributed to or for the benefit of any member, director, officer or other private person, other than as reasonable payment for services rendered by such person.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporators have made and subscribed these Articles of Incorporation this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2022.

CATHY M DRIGGERS

Incorporator

## ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process at the place designated in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation. I hereby accept such designation and agree to act in such capacity and comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties as registered agent, including the provisions of Section 48,091 of the Florida Statutes. I am familiar with and accept the duties and obligations of Section 617,0503 of the Florida Statutes.

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Christine L. Weingart, Esquire on behalf of ZKS Registered Agent Services, LLC

Registered Agent