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# **BOCAS DEL TORO ANIMAL WELFARE, INCORPORATED**

Florida Department of State Division of Corporations, New Filing Section P.O. Box. 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: Bocas del Toro Animal Welfare, Incorporated - Non-Profit Articles of Incorporation

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed is an original and two (2) copies of the Articles of Incorporation for a new Non-Profit Corporation – Bocas del Toro Animal Welfare, Incorporated. Also enclosed is a check for \$87.50 to cover the cost of the filing fee, a certified copy, and a certificate of status.

Please accept these submittals and return a confirmation letter (containing the corporation's name, the assigned document number, the filed date, and the effective date), as well as a Certified Copy and a Certificate of Status to the corporation's attorney:

Bocas del Toro Animal Welfare, Inc. Attn: William Russell Easby-Smith, Jr. & Mirais Holden 7901 4th Street N Suite 300 St. Petersburg, FL 33702 504-236-4199 mirais.holden@gmail.com

In addition, please direct all future annual report notifications to the Incorporator's email address:

russell@papagato.org

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

William Russell Easby-Smith, Jr.

Incorporator & Chief Executive Officer Bocas del Toro Animal Welfare, Incorporated

Date:

Enclosures:

Two (2) copies of the Articles of Incorporation Check for \$87.50 (made payable to Florida Department of State)

# **BOCAS DEL TORO ANIMAL WELFARE, INCORPORATED**

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

#### Article I: Name

The name of the corporation shall be "Bocas del Toro Animal Welfare, Incorporated."

# **Article II: Principal Office**

The corporation's principal address is: 7901 4th Street N, Suite 300, St. Petersburg, FL 33702

The corporation's mailing address is: 7901 4th Street N, Suite 300, St. Petersburg, FL 33702

# **Article III: Purposes**

The corporation is organized exclusively for purposes that are charitable, educational, scientific. & preventing cruelty to animals under I.R.C. 501(c)(3), including: free/subsidized veterinary clinics, animal shelters, & adoption/foster programs for homeless & indigent-owned domesticated animals; wildlife rehabilitation clinics & sanctuaries; training/internship program for veterinary students; public education program regarding animal treatment; volunteer program; partnerships with similar organizations; and related fundraising efforts.

## **Article IV: Manner of Election**

Officers and directors are elected and appointed as provided for in the corporation's bylaws.

#### Article V: Initial Officers and/or Directors

#### William Russell Easby-Smith, Jr.

Chief Executive Officer & Chairman of the Board 4630 E. 17th Avenue Pkwy Denver, CO 80220-1126

## Randy Rawsthorne Cinski

Secretary/Treasurer 327 Browns Hill Rd. Valencia, PA 16059

#### Dr. Lara Berland

Chief Medical Officer 25617 Heritage Lake Blvd. Unit 54 Punta Gorda, FL 33983

#### Sandra Pompey

Director of US Philanthropy 28 Tanner Trail St Augustine, FL 32092

# **Article VI: Registered Agent**

Northwest Registered Agent LLC

7901 4th Street N, Suite 300, St. Petersburg, FL 33702

# Article VII: Incorporator

William Russell Easby-Smith, Jr.
Chief Executive Officer & Chairman of the Board
4630 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue Pkwy
Denver, CO 80220-1126

# Article VIII: Effective Date

The effective date shall be the date that this filing is received by the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations.

# **Article IX: Prohibited Activities**

No substantial part of the corporation's activities will consist of engaging in activities or conducting any trade or business unrelated to its tax-exempt purposes. The corporation will not provide commercial-type insurance. The corporation will not engage in prohibited political or legislative activity, including but not limited to the carrying on of propaganda, attempting to influence legislation, or participating/intervening in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office (including the publishing or distribution of statements).

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 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.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, 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 described in section 501(c)(3).

The corporation performs its non-profit services in the country of Panama. The corporation's activities in the United States are strictly limited to fundraising and retail sales to support the non-profit services performed in Panama. The corporation does not perform animal care of any kind in the United States.

# **Article X: Distribution of Assets Upon Dissolution**

Upon the dissolution of the organization, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the organization shall be distributed to the Humane Society of the United States (EIN: 53-0225390), provided that the Humane Society of the United States is exempt under section 501(c)(3), or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, at the time of the dissolution. If the Humane Society of the United States is not so exempt at the time of dissolution, the organization's assets shall be distributed to the federal government for a public purpose.

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.

Northwest Registered Agent LLC 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.

William Russell Easby-Smith, Jr.

11/16/2024 Date

Incorporator

Chief Executive Officer & Chairman of the Board

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