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Re: Articles of Incorporation of:
E.T.C. Horse Rescue, Inc.

Greetings:

Enclosed is the original and one copy of Articles of Incorporation of the above named proposed corporation.

Please approve these Articles of Incorporation, file the original, certify the copy, and return the same to the undersigned.

Enclosed is a check for \$122.50 for the filing fee, designation of Registered Agent fee, and one certified copy.

Very truly yours,

F. M. Wells, Jr.

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
E.T.C. HORSE RESCUE, INC.**

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The undersigned, all of whom are of legal age and competency, do hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of becoming a corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida, by and under the provisions of the Statutes of the State of Florida applicable to corporations not for profit, and hereby adopt these Articles of Incorporation.

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ARTICLE II. NAME

The name of the corporation shall be:

E.T.C. HORSE RESCUE, INC.

ARTICLE III. DURATION

The corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE IV. PURPOSE

This corporation is a not for profit corporation, and formed exclusively for charitable purposes within the definition of "non-profit organizations" as defined by the Internal Revenue Code, which purposes shall include the following:

(A) The specific and primary purpose of this corporation is to raise, encourage, solicit, receive and administer contributions,

gifts, bequests, and grants of funds and property for the advancement of charitable and educational purposes, and by the distribution of its funds for such purposes, particularly for the rescue of horses, and provision of medical care and rehabilitation of horses, and further to increase public awareness through education for the humane treatment of horses.

(B) The general purpose for which this corporation is formed is to operate exclusively for such charitable purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations which qualify as tax-exempt organizations under that Code.

(C) This corporation shall not, as a substantial part of its activities, carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation; nor shall it participate or intervene, by publication or distribution of any statements or otherwise, in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP

The corporation is organized upon a nonstock basis as defined in Section 617.0505 of the Florida Statutes. The corporation shall have a single class of members which shall consist of its directors. The members of this Corporation shall have no right, title, or interest whatsoever in its income, property, or assets, nor shall any portion of such income, property, or assets be distributed to any member on the dissolution or winding up of this Corporation. Members of this Corporation shall not be personally liable for the debts, liabilities, or obligations of the Corporation, and shall not be subject to assessments.

ARTICLE VI. INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of the incorporators of this Corporation are:

SUSAN L. HECK
8140 Northwest 125th Street
Reddick, Florida 32686

MICHAEL Q. HECK
8140 Northwest 125th Street
Reddick, Florida 32686

BRENDA JONES
866 - 51st Avenue North
St. Petersburg, Florida 33703

ARTICLE VII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(A) The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its property controlled, and its affairs conducted by a board of directors. The number of directors of the corporation shall be three (3), provided, however, that such number may be increased by a bylaw duly adopted pursuant to the bylaws of this corporation.

(B) The Board of Directors may authorize any officer to carry out any business or matter within the purpose of the Corporation.

(C) The Incorporators and Subscribers to these Articles of Incorporation, whose names and addresses appear in Article VI hereinabove, shall constitute the first Board of Directors.

(D) Each Director shall hold office until a qualified successor is duly elected.

(E) The Directors may fill any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors by the majority vote of the Board of Directors present and voting at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

(F) There shall be an Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors for the purpose of electing officers and directors for the next year. Said meeting shall be held in the month of June of each year and the Chairman shall notify all directors of the date, time, and place of such meeting. The election procedure for the election of Officers and Directors shall be as provided in the By-laws.

(G) Any action required or permitted to be taken by the board of directors under any provision of law may be taken without a meeting, if all the members of the board shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the board, and any such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as if taken by unanimous vote of the directors. Any certificate or other document filed under any provision of law that relates to action so taken shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the board of directors without a meeting and that the articles of incorporation and bylaws of this corporation authorize the directors to so act. Such a statement shall be prima facie evidence of such authority.

ARTICLE VIII. OFFICERS

The board of directors shall elect a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as the bylaws of this corporation may authorize the directors to elect from time to time, and the same person may hold more than one office. Initially, such officers shall be elected at the first annual meeting of the board of directors. Until such election is held, the following persons shall serve as corporate officers:

SUSAN L. HECK 8140 Northwest 125th Street Reddick, Florida 32686	- President
MICHAEL Q. HECK 8140 Northwest 125th Street Reddick, Florida 32686	- Vice President
BRENDA JONES 866 - 51st Avenue North St. Petersburg, Florida 33703	-- Secretary
SUSAN L. HECK 8140 Northwest 125th Street Reddick, Florida 32686	- Treasurer

ARTICLE IX. POWERS

(A) This Corporation shall have the power to acquire and hold title in fee simple, in trust, or otherwise, to both real and personal property; to improve, encumber, sell, convey, and dispose of all such property; to borrow money; to execute notes, bonds, and other evidences of indebtedness and to secure the same by mortgages and deeds of trust, annuity bonds and other instruments of indebtedness and to pay interest thereon; to improve, adapt, and use its personal property or the income therefrom in its charitable activities.

(B) The Corporation shall have all other powers and authorities granted by law to Corporations Not For Profit, and it shall not have any power that would disqualify it as a non-profit corporation under either state or federal law.

(C) The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever be distributed to its members, officers, or directors, except that the Corporation may pay reasonable compensation to its members, officers, or directors, for services rendered, and may confer benefits upon its members in fulfillment of its purpose.

ARTICLE X. BY-LAWS

The Board of Directors of this Corporation may provide such By-Laws for the conduct of its business and the carrying out of its purpose as it may deem necessary from time to time. Subject to the limitations contained in the bylaws and any limitations set forth in the Not For Profit Corporation Act of Florida described above, concerning corporate action that must be authorized or approved by the members of the corporation, the bylaws of this corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to, or new bylaws may be adopted, either by a resolution of the board of directors or by following the procedure set forth therefor in the bylaws.

ARTICLE XI. NON PROFIT STATUS

Anything in these articles of incorporation to the contrary notwithstanding, the purpose or purposes for which this corporation is organized are limited to those that will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws. No part of the net earnings of this Corporation may inure or be paid to any member of the Corporation or private individual, provided however, that goods and services may be purchased and paid for by this Corporation at their fair market value in any bona fide transaction.

ARTICLE XII. DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS IN THE EVENT OF DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution or winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the corporation, shall be distributed to a not for profit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws. None of the assets will be distributed to any member, director, or officer of this Corporation. This Article shall be irrevocable and not subject to amendment.

ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS

These Articles of Incorporation, with the exception of Articles XI and XII, may be amended at a special meeting of the Board of Directors called for that purpose, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those Board members present and voting.

ARTICLE XIV. PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS OF CORPORATION

The principal office address for the Corporation shall be 8140 Northwest 125th Street, Reddick, Florida 32686. The mailing address for the Corporation shall be P. O. Box 770332, Ocala, Florida 34477.

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ARTICLE XV. INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation shall be 4911 Park Street North, St. Petersburg, Florida 33709, and the name of the initial registered agent of the corporation at that address is F. M. WELLS, JR.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we, the undersigned subscribing incorporators of this corporation, for the purpose of forming this not for profit charitable corporation under the Laws of Florida, have hereunto set our hands and seals this 17th day of June, A. D. 1996.

Susan L. Heck (SEAL)
SUSAN L. HECK, Incorporator

Michael Q. Heck (SEAL)
MICHAEL Q. HECK, Incorporator

Brenda Jones (SEAL)
BRENDA JONES, Incorporator

ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

I HEREBY am familiar with and accept the responsibilities and duties as registered agent for said Corporation.

F. M. Wells, Jr. (SEAL)
F. M. WELLS, JR. Registered Agent

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STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF MARION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State and County aforesaid to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared SUSAN L. HECK, MICHAEL O. HECK, and BRENDA JONES, who are personally known to me and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, as the Incorporators, and F. M. WELLS, JR., as the Registered Agent of said corporation, who after being by me first duly sworn dep. and say that the statements contained in said instrument are true and they acknowledged that they executed the same freely and voluntarily for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 17th day of June, 1996.

Notary Public: (Signature) Therese C. Hubbe

Name: (Print) Therese C. Hubbe

My Notary Stamp or Seal:

My Commission Expires :

My Commission Number :

