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Re: Veterinary Heart Foundation, Inc.

Gentlemen:

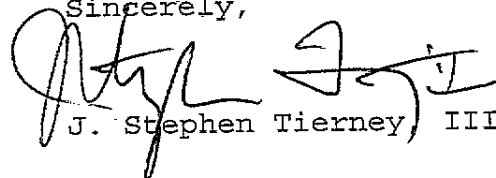
Enclosed are an original and a copy of the Articles of Incorporation of the above referenced corporation. Please file the original, certify and indicate the filing date on the copy, and return the certified copy to me.

Also enclosed is a check covering the fees and charges for the items listed below, as indicated:

A. Articles Of Incorporation filing fee:	\$ 35.00
B. Certified copy of Articles Of Incorporation:	52.50
C. Registered Agent Designation Filing Fee:	35.00
	<u>\$122.50</u>

If the corporation name requested is not available, please call us immediately. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,


J. Stephen Tierney, III

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
VETERINARY HEART FOUNDATION, INC.
(a Florida not-for-profit corporation)

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ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the corporation is VETERINARY HEART FOUNDATION, INC.

ARTICLE II - PLACE OF BUSINESS

The place in this state where the principal office of the Corporation is to be located is 3601-V S.W. 2nd Avenue, Gainesville, Florida 32607.

ARTICLE III - DURATION

This Association shall be of perpetual duration.

ARTICLE IV - PURPOSE

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes, dedicated to research, treatment, and prevention of heart disease in animals and the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE V - INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is 3601-V S.W. 2nd Avenue, Gainesville, Florida 32607 and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address is John-Karl Goodwin, DVM. The mailing address of the corporation is 3601-V S.W. 2nd Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32607.

ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The corporation shall have three (3) directors and the number of directors may be increased or decreased from time, but may never be less than three (3). The names and addresses of the persons who are the initial directors of this corporation are as follows:

Wallace T. Long, Jr.
415 South 2nd Street, Ste. 200
Ft. Pierce, Florida 34950

Lisa Long
8133 Saratoga Way
Port St. Lucie, FL 34986

Dr. John-Karl Goodwin, DVM
3601-V S.W. 2nd Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32607

The method of election of directors shall be stated in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII - RESTRICTIONS

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, 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 in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article IV hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. 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.

ARTICLE VIII - DISSOLUTION OF CORPORATION

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for public purposes. 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 IX - OFFICERS.

The affairs of the Association shall be administered by the Officers designated by the Bylaws. The Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors at its first meeting following the annual meeting of the Association, and they shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors, as provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE X - INCORPORATORS

The name and mailing address of the person signing these Articles of Incorporation is:

Wallace T. Long, Jr.
415 South Second Street, Ste. 200
Ft. Pierce, Florida 34950

ARTICLE XI - INDEMNIFICATION

This corporation shall indemnify any officer, director, employee, or agent, and any former officer, director, employee, or agent to the full extent permitted by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 1 day of APRIL, 1998.

Wallace T. Long, Jr.
WALLACE T. LONG, JR.

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF ST LUCIE

Before me, a notary public authorized to take acknowledgments in the state and county set forth above, personally appeared WALLACE T. LONG, JR., who is personally known to me or who produced n/a as identification, and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and he acknowledged before me that he executed these Articles of Incorporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, in the state and county aforesaid, this 1st day of April, 1998.



DEBORAH S. VEGA
My Comm Exp. 10/04/2000
Bonded By Service Ins
No. CC583598
☒ Personally Known ☐ Other I.D.

Deborah S. Vega
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF FLORIDA

AT LARGE.

Deborah S. Vega
(Printed Notary Name)
I.D. Produced n/a
My Commission Expires: 10-04-2000

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE
FOR THE SERVICES OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING
AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, VETERINARY HEART FOUNDATION, INC., desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation in the City of Gainesville, County of Alachua, State of Florida, has named John-Karl Goodwin, DVM, whose address is 3601-V S.W. 2nd Avenue, Gainesville, Florida 32607 as its agent to accept service of process within this state.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

Having been named as the registered agent for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provisions of the laws of the State of Florida relative to keeping said office open.

DATED: 4/1/98


JOHN-KARL GOODWIN, DVM

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