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December 30, 1997

State of Florida Department of State Corporate Division 409 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Re: GREGORY A. FOWLER, D.V.M., P.A.

To Whom it May Concern:

Please find enclosed an original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the above company along with a check in the amount of \$122.50. Please file the original in your offices and certify and return to us one certified copy.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Frank C. Lawson

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AUTHORIZATION BY PHONE TO DATE LEXAM DOC EXAM

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION ALLAMASSEE, FLORIDA

GREGORY A. FOWLER, D.V.M., P.A.

The undersigned natural person, competent and licensed to practice Veterinary Medicine in the State of Florida, acting hereby as Incorporator for the purpose of forming a Professional Service Corporation for profit under the provisions of Chapter 607, Florida Business Corporation Act, and Chapter 621, Professional Service Corporation and Limited Liability Company Act, of the Florida Statutes, does hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

NAME OF CORPORATION

The name of this corporation shall be GREGORY A. FOWLER, D.V.M., P.A..

PURPOSES

The general nature and purposes of business to be transacted, promoted and carried on by the corporation are as follows:

- a. To engage in every aspect in the practice of veterinary, and all its fields of specializations, as are engaged in by veterinarians.
- b. To engage and render the professional services involved only through its officers, agents and employees who shall be veterinarians in good standing and duly licensed or otherwise legally authorized within the State of Florida to render the same professional service as this corporation.

- c. To invest its funds in real estate, mortgages, stocks, bonds, and any other type of investments permitted by law.
- d. To engage in no other business other than the rendition of the professional services specified herein.
- e. To do everything necessary and proper in accomplishing the purposes herein set forth and to do anything incidental thereto which is not forbidden under the laws of the State of Florida.

CAPITAL STOCK

- a. The maximum number of shares of stock that the corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any time shall be 100 shares of common stock at ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) pershare par value.
- b. The consideration to be paid for each share shall be payable in lawful money or property, labor or services.
- c. Shares of the corporation's stock and certificates shall be issued only to veterinarians in good standing and duly licensed or otherwise legally authorized within the State of Florida to render the same professional services as this corporation.

DURATION

The corporation shall have perpetual existence.

REGISTERED AGENT

The address of this corporation's initial registered office is 6724 NW 73rd Place, Ocala, Florida, and the name of its initial agent at said address is GREGORY A. FOWLER.

INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is as follows:

GREGORY A. FOWLER
Post Office Box 6856
6724 NW 73rd Place
Ocala, Florida 34478

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The corporation shall have a Board of Directors consisting of two (2) persons. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by a resolution of the majority of the Stockholders but shall never be less than one. The names and addresses of the initial Directors of the corporation are:

GREGORY A. FOWLER
Post Office Box 6856
6724 NW 73rd Place
Ocala, Florida 34478

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ELIZABETH R. SAUNDERS Post Office Box 6856 6724 NW 73rd Place Ocala, Florida 34478

INFORMAL SHAREHOLDER ACTION

Any action of the Shareholders may be taken without a meeting if consent in writing setting forth the action so taken shall be signed by all the Shareholders entitled to vote upon such action at a meeting and filed with the Secretary of the corporation as part of the corporate records.

SEVERANCE AND TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT

If any officer, director, stockholder, agent or employee of this corporation who has been rendering professional veterinary services to the public becomes legally disqualified to render the professional services for which the corporation is organized, or accepts employment that places restrictions or limitations on his continued rendering of such professional services, he shall forthwith server all employment with the corporation, and shall not thereafter participate or share, directly or indirectly, in any earnings or profits realized by the corporation on account of professional services. The corporation shall forthwith, upon such disqualification of any shareholder, purchase such shareholder's shares and pay him all amounts owing and lawfully due to him by the corporation, except that such shares shall not be entitled to dividends.

INFORMAL DIRECTOR ACTION

If all of the Directors severally or collectively consent in writing to any action taken or to be taken by the corporation, and the writings evidencing their consent are filed with the Secretary of the corporation, the action shall be as valid as though it had been authorized at a meeting of the Board of Directors.

INDEMNIFICATION

The corporation shall indemnify any officer or director, or any former officer or director, to the full extent permitted by law.

BY-LAW AMENDMENT

The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal the by-laws of this corporation shall be vested in the Board of Directors and Stockholders provided that such amendment be in compliance with the laws of Florida governing a Professional Service Corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation in the State of Florida, this $\frac{29\%}{100}$ day of December, 1997.

GREGORY A. FOWLER, Incorporator

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation of GREGORY A. FOWLER, D.V.M., P.A. was acknowledged before me on this day of December, 1997, by GREGORY A. FOWLER, as Incorporator, who is personally known to me or who has produced a Florida Driver's license as identification and who did take an oath.

NOTARY PUBLIC

State of Florida at Large

My Commission Expires:



ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for GREGORY A. FOWLER, D.V.M., P.A., at 6724 NW 73rd Place, Ocala, Florida, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

Date: 12/29/97

GRECORY A. FOWLER