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**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

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**NON-PROFIT CORPORATION**

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

The undersigned, acting as incorporator(s) of a corporation under Chapter 7-6 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended, adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

1. The name of the corporation is 2 Hands 4 Paws ☐

2. The period of its duration is (if perpetual, so state) Perpetual ☐

3. The specific purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:  
To provide assistance on a temporary basis to household pets whose owners are unable to properly care for  
them due to financial, housing or other extenuating circumstances which puts the pet's health or welfare at  
risk; to acknowledge, support and assist animal shelters, businesses, organizations and individuals that  
provide services to improve the lives of animals and the level of animal care in the community; to provide  
pets with nutritious food and gentle handling and provide access to a safe and comfortable place to sleep  
and medical care; to prevent cruelty, exploitation and abuse of animals; and to engage in any and all  
activities in furtherance of, related to or incidental to the purposes hereinabove set forth.

4. Provisions, if any, not inconsistent with the law, which the incorporators elect to set forth in these articles of incorporation for the regulation of the internal affairs of the corporation are:

See Exhibit "A" attached

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5. The address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 191 Social Street, Suite 280  
(Street Address, not P.O. Box)  
Woonsocket, RI 02895, and the name of its initial registered agent at such  
(City/Town) (Zip Code)  
address is Lloyd R. Gariepy  
(Name of Agent)

6. The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is five  
(not less than three directors)  
and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

| <u>Name</u>                | <u>Address</u>                                               |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>Maureen J. Gendron</u>  | <u>1137 1/2 Hartford Avenue, Unit 5B, Johnston, RI 02919</u> |
| <u>Dolores M. Ducharme</u> | <u>67 Westwood Road, North Smithfield, RI 02896</u>          |
| <u>Daniel M. Gendron</u>   | <u>87 Arland Court, Woonsocket, RI 02895</u>                 |
| <u>Kevin J. Gendron</u>    | <u>63 Burlingame Road, Smithfield, RI 02917</u>              |
| <u>Patricia A. Girard</u>  | <u>101 Rutland Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895</u>              |
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7. The name and address of each incorporator is:

| <u>Name</u>             | <u>Address</u>                                            |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>Lloyd R. Gariepy</u> | <u>191 Social Street, Suite 280, Woonsocket, RI 02895</u> |
| _____                   | _____                                                     |
| _____                   | _____                                                     |
| _____                   | _____                                                     |
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8. Date when corporate existence is to begin upon filing of these Articles of Incorporation  
(not prior to, nor more than 30 days after, the filing of these Articles of Incorporation)

Under penalty of perjury, I/we declare and affirm that I/we have examined these Articles of Incorporation, including any accompanying attachments, and that all statements contained herein are true and correct.

Date: July 2, 2009

Lloyd R. Gariepy  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of each Incorporator

#### Exhibit "A"

Notwithstanding any provisions of these articles, the corporation is organized exclusively for one or more of the purposes as specified in Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under IRC 501 (c) (3) or corresponding provisions of any subsequent tax laws.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee, director, officer of the corporation, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation), and no member, trust or officer of the corporation or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporation's assets on dissolution of the corporation.

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided by IRC 501(h) or participating in, or intervening in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidates for public office.

In the event of the liquidation or dissolution of the corporation, all of the remaining assets and property of the corporation shall after payment of necessary expenses thereof be distributed in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any of such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Superior Court of the County in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively as organizations exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Code.



# State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

**A. Ralph Mollis**

*Secretary of State*

## STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

I, A. RALPH MOLLIS, Secretary of State of the State of Rhode Island  
and Providence Plantations, hereby certify that this document, duly  
executed in accordance with the provisions of Title 7 of the General Laws  
of Rhode Island, as amended, has been filed in this office on this day:

A. RALPH MOLLIS

*Secretary of State*

