



**State of Rhode Island  
Office of the Secretary of State**

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Division Of Business Services  
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**Non-Profit Corporation  
Articles of Incorporation**

(Chapter 7-6-34 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended)

**ARTICLE I**

The name of the corporation is Rhode Island Community Pet Project

**ARTICLE II**

The period of its duration is X Perpetual     

**ARTICLE III**

The specific purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

THE CORPORATION IS ORGANIZED EXCLUSIVELY FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES  
WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE  
CODE, OR CORRESPONDING SECTION OF ANY FUTURE FEDERAL TAX CODE.  
IN ACCORDANCE THEREWITH, THE CORPORATION SHALL PROVIDE AFFORDABLE  
HEALTH PROMOTION, PREVENTATIVE AND CLINICAL VETERINARY SERVICES  
TO ANIMALS WHOSE OWNERS ARE SUBJECT TO SEVERE AND DOCUMENTED  
FINANCIAL CHALLENGES.

**ARTICLE IV**

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:

(A) THE CORPORATION SHALL BE NON-PROFIT, SHALL NOT HAVE OR ISSUE  
SHARES  
OF CAPITAL STOCK, AND SHALL NOT DECLARE OR PAY DIVIDENDS. NO PART OF  
THE NET EARNINGS OF THE CORPORATION SHALL INURE TO THE BENEFIT OF OR  
BE  
DISTRIBUTABLE TO ITS DIRECTORS, 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 SET FORTH ABOVE. NO  
SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CORPORATION SHALL BE THE

CARRYING ON OF PROPAGANDA, OR OTHERWISE ATTEMPTING TO INFLUENCE LEGISLATION EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PERMITTED BY SECTION 501(H) OF THE CODE,

AND THE CORPORATION SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN, OR INTERVENE IN (INCLUDING THE PUBLISHING OR DISTRIBUTION OF STATEMENTS), ANY POLITICAL CAMPAIGN

ON BEHALF OF ANY CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THESE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, THE CORPORATION SHALL NOT CARRY ON ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES NOT PERMITTED TO BE CARRIED ON

(I) BY A CORPORATION EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAX UNDER SECTION 501

(A) OF THE CODE OR (II) BY A CORPORATION, CONTRIBUTIONS TO WHICH ARE DESCRIBED BY SECTION 170(C)(2) OF THE CODE AND DEDUCTIBLE UNDER SECTIONS

170(A) AND 170(B)(1)(A) OF THE CODE.

(B) IN THE EVENT OF THE LIQUIDATION OF THE CORPORATION, WHETHER VOLUNTARY OR INVOLUNTARY, NO MEMBER, DIRECTOR OR OFFICER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ANY DISTRIBUTION OR DIVISION OF THE CORPORATION'S PROPERTY

OR THE PROCEEDS THEREOF, AND UPON SUCH LIQUIDATION, THE BALANCE OF ALL

MONEY, ASSETS AND OTHER PROPERTY OF THE CORPORATION, AFTER THE PAYMENT OF ALL ITS DEBTS AND OBLIGATIONS, SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO A NON

PROFIT CORPORATION EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE CODE FOR ONE OR MORE EXEMPT PURPOSES

WITHIN THE MEANING OF SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE 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 A PUBLIC PURPOSE. ANY SUCH ASSETS NOT SO DISPOSED OF SHALL BE DISPOSED OF BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND, EXCLUSIVELY FOR SUCH PURPOSES OR TO SUCH ORGANIZATION OR ORGANIZATIONS, AS SUCH COURT SHALL DETERMINE, WHICH ARE ORGANIZED AND OPERATED EXCLUSIVELY FOR SUCH PURPOSES.

(C) NO DIRECTOR OF THE CORPORATION SHALL BE PERSONALLY LIABLE TO THE CORPORATION OR ITS MEMBERS FOR MONETARY DAMAGES FOR BREACH OF THE

DIRECTOR'S DUTY AS A DIRECTOR; PROVIDED THAT THE FOREGOING SHALL NOT ELIMINATE OR LIMIT THE LIABILITY OF A DIRECTOR (I) FOR ANY BREACH OF THE DIRECTOR'S DUTY OF LOYALTY TO THE CORPORATION OR ITS MEMBERS; (II) FOR ACTS OR OMISSIONS NOT IN GOOD FAITH OR WHICH INVOLVE

INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT OR A KNOWING VIOLATION OF LAW; OR (III)  
FOR ANY TRANSACTION FROM WHICH THE DIRECTOR DERIVED AN IMPROPER  
PERSONAL BENEFIT.

**ARTICLE V**

The street address (post office boxes are not acceptable) of the initial registered office of the corporation is:

No. and Street: 301 PROMENADE STREET

City or Town: PROVIDENCE

State: RI

Zip: 02908

The name of its initial registered agent at such address is MICHAEL G. TAUBER

**ARTICLE VI**

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is 6 and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

| <b>Title</b> | <b>Individual Name</b><br>First, Middle, Last, Suffix | <b>Address</b><br>Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| DIRECTOR     | SARAH CRAIN                                           | 147 IRVING AVENUE<br>PROVIDENCE, RI 02906 USA                     |
| DIRECTOR     | HENRY WIETSMA                                         | 448 WOODVILLE ROAD<br>HOPKINTON, RI 02833 USA                     |
| DIRECTOR     | DEBORAH KOICHEVAR                                     | 7 BETH LEE DRIVE<br>GRAFTON, MA 01519 USA                         |
| DIRECTOR     | DAVE SWEET                                            | 135 BEAUCHAMP DRIVE<br>SAUNDERSTOWN, RI 02874 USA                 |
| DIRECTOR     | JOHN GILLESPIE                                        | 118 PROSPECT FARM ROAD<br>PORTSMOUTH, RI 02871 USA                |
| DIRECTOR     | SCOTT CRAWFORD                                        | 165 SURFSIDE AVENUE<br>CHARLESTOWN, RI 02813 USA                  |

**ARTICLE VII**

The name and address of the incorporator is:

| <b>Title</b> | <b>Individual Name</b><br>First, Middle, Last, Suffix | <b>Address</b><br>Address, City or Town, State, Zip Code, Country |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| INCORPORATOR | MICHAEL RICHARDS                                      | 36 WASHINGTON SQUARE<br>NEWPORT, RI 02840 USA                     |

**ARTICLE VIII**

Date when corporate existence is to begin  
(not prior to, nor more than 30 days after, the filing of these Articles of Incorporation)

**Signed this 28 Day of April, 2025 at 11:41:36 AM by the incorporator(s).** *This electronic signature of the individual or individuals signing this instrument constitutes the affirmation or acknowledgement of the signatory, under penalties of perjury, that this instrument is that individual's act and deed or the act and deed of the corporation, and that the facts stated herein are true, as of the date of the electronic filing, in compliance with R.I. Gen. Laws § 7-6.*

**Enter signature(s) below.**  
/S/MICHAEL J. RICHARDS

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