

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
NATIONAL BRUSSELS GRIFFON RESCUE, INCORPORATED**

We, the undersigned natural persons of the age of twenty-one years or more, at least two of whom are citizens of the State of Texas, acting as incorporators of a corporation under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

**ARTICLE ONE**

The name of the corporation is National Brussels Griffon Rescue, Inc.

**ARTICLE TWO**

The street address of initial registered office of the corporation is 3232 Scenic Hills Drive  
Bedford TX 76021-3824  
And the name of the initial registered agent at such address is Linda McKellar

**ARTICLE THREE**

Management of the corporation shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE FOUR**

The corporation is a non-profit corporation. The corporation shall have members.

**ARTICLE FIVE**

The period of the corporation's duration is perpetual.

**ARTICLE SIX**

The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes, and for the prevention of cruelty to animals, specifically promoting the well being of Brussels Griffons who have been or might be harmed, and including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code). The purpose of the organization is to rescue Brussels Griffons which have been abandoned, lost or abused, or might otherwise be neglected or euthanized. It is the policy of the corporation to promote the humane treatment of Brussels Griffons and companion animals reasonably believed to be of substantially Brussels Griffon heritage by an authorized agent of the corporation. It is the policy of the corporation to provide humane care and treatment for all Brussels Griffons needing protection, to seek and to return lost Brussels Griffons to their owner, and to seek suitable homes for Brussels Griffons without owners. In its care and disposition of animals, National Brussels Griffon Rescue, Inc. shall provide veterinary care as needed, and shall spay or neuter each Brussels Griffon before placement. National Brussels Griffon Rescue, Inc. shall maintain and preferably exceed the minimum standards prescribed by The Humane Society of the United States.

**ARTICLE SEVEN**

The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors is eleven and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Marjorie Simon	Houston, TX
Linda McKellar	Bedford, TX
Carole Ross	San Juan Bautista, CA
Mark Weathers	Sand Springs, OK
Lisa Benn	Lakeland, FL
Lorene Vickers-Smith	Grand Ledge, MI
Bethann Lane	Lincolnshire, IL
Karen Wisnieski	Oak Harbor, WA
Donna Hois	Blue Mound, IL
Peggy Fischer	Houston, TX
Liz Harris	Sebago, ME

**ARTICLE EIGHT**

The name and street address of each incorporator is:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
<u>Marjorie Simon</u>	<u>25 Windermere Ln, Houston TX 77063-1409</u>
<u>Linda McKellar</u>	<u>3232 Scenic Hills Drive, Bedford TX 76021-3824</u>

**ARTICLE NINE**

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members, trustees, directors, officers or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of section 501(c)(3) purposes. No substantial part of the activities of the organization 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 organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code) or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code).

**ARTICLE TEN**

Upon the dissolution of this organization, the Board of Trustees shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, distribute the assets 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 a public purpose.

However, if the named recipient is not then in existence or no longer a qualified distributee or unwilling or unable to accept the distribution, then the assets of this organization shall be distributed to a fund, foundation or corporation organized and operated exclusively for the purposes specified in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code).

**ARTICLE ELEVEN**

The purposes of incorporation are very simple and simply stated as herein above set forth and no further recitation is necessary at this time.