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NATIONAL ANIMAL LIFE AND... NEWINC

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF THE
NATIONAL ANIMAL LIFE AND LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

Adopted on August 30, 2026

PREAMBLE

Recognizing that other animals share with us the basic needs for life and liberty, yet the declarations and conventions naming those needs as fundamental have thus far reserved their protection to human beings on the basis of species rather than on the basis of the needs themselves, the National Animal Life and Liberty Association is hereby formed to extend those protections to all sentient animals through nonviolent means, in a spirit of empathy for the needs of those whom its work affects.

ARTICLE I — NAME

This corporation shall be known as the National Animal Life and Liberty Association (the "Association").

ARTICLE II — TYPE OF CORPORATION

This Association is an Oregon public benefit corporation.

ARTICLE III — PURPOSE

The purpose of the Association is to secure local, state, and national protection for sentient animals' life and liberty, and to concentrate the efforts of advocates for animal protection toward that end.

ARTICLE IV — POWERS

In furtherance of the purpose set forth in Article III, the Association may engage in any lawful and nonviolent activity, including public education, research, litigation, community organizing, coalition building, legislative advocacy and lobbying without limitation as to amount, and the proposal, support, or opposition of initiative petitions, referendum petitions, and ballot measures, in any jurisdiction.

The Association may also support or oppose candidates for public office, to the extent that such activity is permitted to an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and does not become the Association's primary activity.

ARTICLE V — PRINCIPLES

The Association's internal deliberations, member communications, and public advocacy shall be guided by the principles of Nonviolent Communication: distinguishing observations from evaluations, expressing

feelings and needs directly, stating clearly what is asked of others and remaining willing to hear their response, and engaging those who disagree with empathy for the needs underlying their position. In developing and advocating legal protections, the Association distinguishes the protective use of force from the punitive use of force. Force is protective when its purpose is to prevent harm and to restrain those unwilling to refrain from harming others, until such time as they are open to dialogue and alternative means of meeting their needs. Force is punitive when its purpose is to cause suffering, to condemn, or to exact retribution. The Association supports legal protections for animals, including criminal prohibitions and the restraint of those who persist in causing harm, and seeks in their design, advocacy, and enforcement to serve protective purposes rather than punitive ones. Where existing legal systems afford only punitive mechanisms, the Association may work through them while advocating their reform toward protective ends.

ARTICLE VI — MEMBERS

The Association shall have members. The classes of membership, qualifications for admission, dues, and the rights and obligations of each class shall be as set forth in the bylaws. Members shall be entitled to vote for the election of directors, except as to any seat designated under Article VIII.

ARTICLE VII — NUMBER OF DIRECTORS

The board of directors shall consist of not fewer than three nor more than thirty directors. The number of directors within that range shall be fixed from time to time as provided in the bylaws or by resolution of the board.

ARTICLE VIII — DESIGNATED DIRECTORS

The following individuals are designated as directors of the Association within the meaning of ORS 65.001 and shall serve as such until the designation is deleted or changed by amendment of these Articles:

David Michelson
Isaac Farias

If a Designated Director dies, resigns, becomes incapacitated, or otherwise ceases to serve, the board shall promptly submit to the members an amendment to these Articles either designating a successor or deleting the designation. Notice of the amendment shall be given, and the amendment voted upon, at the next annual meeting of members or at a special meeting called for that purpose. Pending adoption of such an amendment, the seat shall remain vacant and shall not be filled by the board.

ARTICLE IX — DISSOLUTION

Dissolution of the Association, merger of the Association with another entity, or the sale or other disposition of substantially all of the Association's assets requires the affirmative vote of not less than three-quarters of the votes cast by members entitled to vote thereon and the unanimous approval of all directors then in office.

Upon the dissolution of the Association, and after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the Association, all remaining assets shall be distributed to one or more organizations organized for a public or charitable purpose, to a religious corporation, to the United States, to a state or local government for a public purpose, or to an organization recognized as exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as the board of directors shall determine. To the extent consistent with the foregoing, preference shall be given to one or more organizations whose purposes are substantially similar to those set forth in Article III.

ARTICLE X — NO PRIVATE INUREMENT

No part of the net earnings of the Association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any member, director, officer, or other private individual, except that the Association may pay reasonable compensation for services actually rendered and may make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III.

ARTICLE XI — INDEMNIFICATION

The Association elects to indemnify its directors, officers, employees, and agents for liability and related expenses to the fullest extent permitted by ORS 65.387 to 65.414.

ARTICLE XII — AMENDMENTS OF THESE ARTICLES

Articles XV and XVI may be amended, and Article XIV may be amended solely to delete the initial registered agent or registered office once a statement of change is on file with the Secretary of State, by the affirmative vote of three-fifths of the directors then in office at a meeting at which a quorum is present. Approval of the members is not required.

Articles VII and VIII may be amended by the affirmative vote of not less than three-quarters of the votes cast by members entitled to vote thereon. Approval of the board of directors is not required.

All other Article amendments require both the affirmative vote of not less than three-quarters of the votes cast by members entitled to vote thereon and the unanimous approval of all directors then in office.

Wherever these Articles or the bylaws require the unanimous approval of the directors, such approval is obtained if no director then in office votes against the amendment or action. A director who abstains from voting, or who fails to respond after notice given in accordance with the bylaws, shall not be counted in determining whether unanimous approval has been obtained. The minutes shall record the vote or non-response of each director then in office.

ARTICLE XIII — DURATION

The duration of this Association is perpetual. The Association shall not be dissolved except as provided in Article IX and ORS 65.624.

ARTICLE XIV — REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE

The name of the Association's initial registered agent is Stevens & Legal, LLC, and the address of the initial registered office is 3400 NE John Olsen Avenue, Suite 200, Hillsboro, OR 97124.

ARTICLE XV — MAILING ADDRESS FOR NOTICES

The address to which the Secretary of State may mail notices is 3439 SE Hawthorne Blvd PMB 402, Portland, OR 97214.

ARTICLE XVI — INCORPORATORS

The incorporators are the individuals named below. The signature of each incorporator appears on the Incorporator Signature Page filed with these Articles.

Christina Farias
Daniel Gonzalez
Darby Bañales
David Michelson
Gabriel Schulz
Isaac Farias
Jenifer Weinman

INCORPORATOR SIGNATURE PAGE

Articles of Incorporation of the National Animal Life and Liberty Association

EXECUTION/SIGNATURE OF EACH PERSON WHO IS FORMING THIS BUSINESS: (Incorporator)

I declare as an authorized signer, under penalty of perjury, that this document does not fraudulently conceal, obscure, alter, or otherwise misrepresent the identity of any person including officers, directors, employees, members, managers or agents. This filing has been examined by me and is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, correct and complete. Making false statements in this document is against the law and may be penalized by fines, imprisonment, or both.

Signature:

Printed Name:

Title:



Christina Farias

Incorporator



Daniel Gonzalez

Incorporator



Darby Bañales

Incorporator

David Michelson

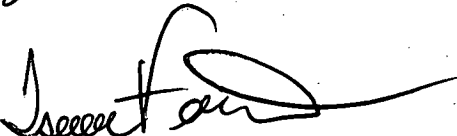
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