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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION NONPROFIT CORPORATION OF

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NORTH CAROLINA

NEUSE RIVER GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE, INC.

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §55A-2-02, of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby submit these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a nonprofit corporation, and to that end does hereby set forth the following:

1. Name: The name of the corporation is:

## NEUSE RIVER GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE, INC.

- 2. Designation as a Charitable or Religious Corporation: The corporation is a charitable or religious corporation within the meaning of N.C.G.S. §55A-1-40(4).
- 3. Address and County of Registered Office and Principal Office: The street address and county of the initial registered office and of the principal office of the corporation is:

6128 Charleycote Drive Raleigh, North Carolina 27614 - Wake County.

- 4. Mailing Address of the Registered Office and Principal Office: The mailing address of the registered office and principal office of the corporation if different from the street address of the initial registered office above is: Same.
- 5. Initial Registered Agent: The name of the initial registered agent is: LAURA SILVERNAIL.
  - 6. Incorporator: The name and address of each incorporator is as follows:

NICOLE M. SHELLEY 13004 Bellford Court Raleigh, North Carolina 27614

- 7. Members: The corporation will not have members.
- 8. Purposes: The corporation is organized and will be operated exclusively for nonprofit purposes. To the extent permitted, as a corporation exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), the corporation will carry out those powers consistent therewith and granted to nonprofit corporations by the laws of the State of North Carolina. Its purpose is to place homeless golden retrievers in good homes.

- 9. Earnings: No part of the net earnings or receipts of the corporation will inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any member, officer, director, or other private person except that the corporation may pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and may make payments and distributions in furtherance of its purposes as stated in these Articles of Incorporation.
- 10. Dissolution: If this corporation should be dissolved at any time, upon the termination, dissolution or winding up of the corporation in any manner and for any reason, voluntary or involuntary, its assets, if any, remaining after the payment or provision for payment of all liabilities of the corporation, will be distributed to one or more 501(c) organizations exempt from tax under Section 501(a) of the Code. The private property of the directors, officers, and members of the corporation will not be subject to payment of corporate debts to any extent whatsoever.
- 11. Additional Provisions: Any other provisions which the corporation elects to include are attached.
  - 12. Effective Date: These articles will be effective upon filing.

This the 30 day of April, 1997.

NEUSE RIVER GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE, INC.

NICOLE M. SHELLEY,

Incorporator