# BY-LAWS OF CABOODLE RANCH, INC. A FLORIDA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

#### ARTICLE I

### **ORGANIZATION**

- 1. The name of this Organization shall be the CABOODLE RANCH, INC.
- 2. The Organization may, by a vote of three-fourths of the general membership, change its name.

#### ARTICLE II

#### **PURPOSE**

- 1. To provide a sanctuary for abandoned and stray cats on a 25 acre ranch, where they can enjoy a safe and peaceful life away from human harm.
- 2. To educate and inform others in the community regarding the importance of neutering their pets and the availability of alternate methods of disposing of unwanted cats other than putting them to sleep.

#### ARTICLE III

# **MEMBERSHIP**

- 1. Membership is open to any person who has paid dues according to Article IX of these bylaws, unless exempted by the Board of Directors. Members shall agree to abide by the by-laws of the CABOODLE RANCH, INC.
- 2. The Board of Directors shall publicize the organization's periodic meetings in the local area and on its website.
- 3. In the event of the dissolution of the organization, any assets and funds of the organization remaining in the treasury after the satisfaction of its debts or liabilities, shall be distributed pursuant to the requirements of section 501.(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code and Florida Statute Section 616.07.
- 4. No member of the support group shall be personally liable for any of its debts or obligations or obligations nor shall any of its members be subject to any assessment.

### ARTICLE IV

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 1. The Board of Directors of Caboodle Ranch shall consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three Trustees.
- 2. All Board of Directors shall serve a term of one (1) year.
- 3. Five months prior to the end of each calendar year, a nominating committee of at least five (5) members shall be selected by the President to recommend a slate of officers. The Chairperson of this committee shall be the retiring President. It shall be the responsibility of the nominating committee to select candidates for all offices of the organization. The slate of candidates must be submitted to the president one (1) month before the election. The election will be held during the November meeting. The voting will be by voice vote.
- 4. A quorum shall consist of at least four of the elected Board of Directors.
- 5. The Board of Directors may make such rules and regulations governing its meetings as it may deem necessary.
- 6. Interim vacancies on the Board of Directors shall be filled by a majority vote of the members present at the next Board meeting.
- 7. Any Board member may resign by submitting a letter of resignation to the secretary of the organization.

#### ARTICLE V

#### **DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

1. The organization shall consist of the following officers:

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
3 Trustees

2. The President will preside over all the meetings. The President is the Chief Executive Officer and will oversee the business of the organization. The President shall see that all books, reports, and certificates as required by law, are properly kept on file. The President and Treasurer shall jointly sign checks and drafts.

- 3. The Vice President shall serve in the absence of the President as Chief Executive of the organization. In the event of an extended leave of absence of the President or Treasurer, The Vice President shall be empowered to sign checks or drafts for the Organization.
- 4. The Secretary shall keep the minutes and records of the organization in the appropriate books. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to see that any certificate required by any Statute, Federal or State regulation is filed. The Secretary shall give and serve all meeting notices to the members of the organization and shall be the official custodian of the records. The secretary shall present to the Board of the Directors any communications addressed to the Secretary. The Secretary shall attend to all correspondence of the organization and shall exercise all duties incident to the office of secretary. The Secretary shall keep current membership lists and verify all votes at all general membership meetings.
- 5. The Treasurer shall send dues notices one (1) month prior to the expiration date to the current members of the organization. The Treasurer shall have on hand at all meetings a copy of the current by-laws of the organization. The Treasurer shall have the care and custody of all monies belonging to the organization. The Treasurer shall deposit all monies received in an interest bearing account, in a Federally Insured Bank, for the organization, according to the guidelines set by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall render an accounting to the General Membership at each meeting with a written report to be attached to the minutes of that meeting. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the timely payment of bills incurred by the organization.

# ARTICLE VI

#### COMMITTEES

- 1. Committees shall be formed at the discretion of the Board of Directors as deemed necessary.
- 2. Each committee will be headed by a chairperson, who shall be named by the organization President. Said committee chairperson shall serve under the direction of the Board of Directors.
- 3. No Chairperson or committee member shall obligate the organization for any financial expenditures or sign any contract for the organization without the approval of the Board of Directors.

# ARTICLE VII

#### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

1. Regular meetings of the membership shall be held periodically. Such meetings shall be held during the third Saturday of the month.

## ARTICLE VIII

# **VOTING**

1. Voting shall be by voice at all meetings, unless written secret balloting is requested by any member.

# ARTICLE IX

# **DUES**

1. The annual dues of the organization shall be payable as follows:

All Members ...... \$ 100.00 per year.

- 2. Dues will be payable by January 1st of each year.
- 3. The organization newsletter sent periodically as determined by the Board of Directors.
- 4. The newsletter shall be sent to all members, health professionals and institutions.
- 5. The amount of dues may be changed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors after the change has been listed in the agenda for the next upcoming Board of Directors meeting.

# ARTICLE X

# **AMENDMENTS**

1. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members present.

# ARTICLE XI

# MAILING ADDRESS

1. The mailing address of the Organization shall be that of the President.

#### ARTICLE XII

#### **PROCEDURES**

1. All procedures of this organization shall be governed by the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

2. The Vice President shall be responsible for bringing the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order to each meeting and acting as Parliamentarian.

# ARTICLE XIII

# FISCAL YEAR

- 1. The fiscal year of this Organization shall begin on January 1st of each year and terminate on the last day of December of each year.
- 2. The books of the organization shall be reviewed by a certified public accountant at the close of each fiscal year and submitted to the Board of Directors.

PRESIDENT, Craig Grant

VICE PRESIDENT, Robert Grant

Janie Roskey SECRETARY, Cindy Wolfe

TREASURER, Craig Grant

TRUSTEE, Elise Perkins

TRUSTEE, Mark Franzoni

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