

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

ARTICLE I **NAME**

1.01 Name

The name of this Organization shall be Reborn Animal Rescue, Inc. The business of the Organization may be conducted as Reborn Animal Rescue (RAR).

ARTICLE II **DURATION**

2.01 Duration

The period of duration of the Organization is perpetual.

ARTICLE III **PURPOSE**

3.01 Purpose

Reborn Animal Rescue, Inc. is a non-profit Organization and shall operate exclusively for educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code. Reborn Animal Rescue's purpose is to:

1. To rescue animals from situations that are abusive, endangering and neglectful, which includes pounds, stray dogs, owner surrenders in dire situations and puppy mills;
2. To inform the public of these situations in order to put a stop to animal abuse and irresponsible breeding;
3. To provide foster homes for these animals;
4. To provide necessary veterinary care;
5. To promote the importance of spaying/neutering and assist others with referrals to low cost spay/neuter programs;
6. To place rescued animals into permanent adoptive homes; and
7. Building and maintaining a network of other rescue groups for rescued animals.

3.02 Public Benefit

Reborn Animal Rescue, Inc. is designated as a public benefit Organization.

ARTICLE IV **NON-PROFIT NATURE**

4.01 Non-Profit Nature

Reborn Animal Rescue is organized exclusively for educational and charitable purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. No part of the net earnings of Reborn Animal Rescue, Inc. shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, 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 the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof.

No substantial part of the Organization's activities shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Organization shall not participate in, or intervene (including the publishing or distribution of statements) in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the Organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by any Organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 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.

Reborn Animal Rescue, Inc. is not organized and shall not be operated for the private gain of any person. The property of the Organization is irrevocably dedicated to its charitable purposes. No part of the assets, receipts, or net earnings of the Organization shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to any individual. The Organization may, however, pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and make other payments and distributions consistent with these Articles.

4.02 Personal Liability

No officer or director of this Organization shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of Reborn Animal Rescue, Inc. of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property or assets of the officers or directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this Organization.

4.03 Dissolution

Upon termination or dissolution of Reborn Animal Rescue, Inc., any assets lawfully available for distribution shall be distributed to one (1) or more qualifying organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the 1986 Internal Revenue Code (or

described in any corresponding provision of any successor statute) which Organization or organizations have a charitable purposes which, at least generally, includes a purpose similar to the terminating or dissolving Organization.

The Organization to receive the assets of Reborn Animal Rescue, Inc. hereunder shall be selected in the discretion of a majority of the managing body of the Organization, and if its members cannot so agree, then the recipient Organization shall be selected pursuant to a verified petition in equity filed in a court of proper jurisdiction against Reborn Animal Rescue, Inc., by one (1) or more of its managing body which verified petition shall contain such statements as reasonable indicate the applicability of this section. The court upon a finding that this section is applicable shall select the qualifying Organization or organizations to receive the assets to be distributed, giving preference if practicable to organizations within the State of Connecticut.

In the event that the court shall find that this section is applicable but that there is no qualifying Organization known to which as a charitable purpose, which, at least generally, includes a purpose similar to the Reborn Animal Rescue, Inc., then the court shall direct the distribution of its assets lawfully available for distribution to the Treasurer of the State of Connecticut to be added to the general fund.

4.03 Prohibited Distributions

No part of the net earnings, or properties of this Organization, on dissolution or otherwise, shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers or other private person or individual, 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 the purposes set forth in Article III, Section 3.01.

4.04 Prohibited Activities

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an Organization exempt from federal income tax as an Organization described by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the 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 the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE V **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

5.01 Governance

Reborn Animal Rescue, Inc. shall be governed by its board of directors.

5.02 Initial Directors

The initial directors of the Organization shall be Melissa Spitz, Kathleen Beecher and Crystal Tremblay.

ARTICLE VI **MEMBERSHIP**

6.01 Membership

Reborn Animal Rescue, Inc. shall have no members. The management of the affairs of the Organization shall be vested in a board of directors, as defined in the Organization's bylaws. Financial supporters will be given the title of "Donator" and volunteers will be given the title of "Volunteer". Both Donators and Volunteers will have no rights to vote as directed by the Board of Directors. Volunteers will be required to complete a volunteer application, which will be subject to majority vote of the Board of Directors. Volunteers accepted to the Organization are allowed to participate in the activities of the Organization as described in Article III, Section 3.01. Volunteers also have the right to financially support the Organization.

6.02 Non-Voting Affiliates

The board of directors may approve classes of non-voting affiliates with rights, privileges, and obligations established by the board. Affiliates may be individuals, businesses, and other organizations that seek to support the mission of the Organization. The board, a designated committee of the board, or any duly elected officer in accordance with board policy, shall have authority to admit any individual or organization as an affiliate, to recognize representatives or affiliates, and to make determinations as to affiliates' rights, privileges and obligations. At no time shall affiliate information be shared with or sold to other organizations or groups without the affiliate's consent. At the discretion of the board of directors, affiliates may be given endorsement, recognition and media coverage at fundraising activities, clinics, other events or at the Organization website. Affiliates have no voting rights and are not members of the Organization.

6.03 Foster Homes

Any person desiring to become an active foster home for the animals awaiting adoption, will be required to comply with the policies and procedures of the Organization, and will also be subject to majority vote of the Board of Directors for acceptance. Foster Homes will have no rights to vote as directed by the Board of Directors. Foster Homes accepted to the Organization can participate in the activities of the Organization as described in Article III, Section 3.01. The Organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered for the health and well-being of the animals.

ARTICLE VII **AMENDMENTS**

7.01 Amendments

Any amendment to the Articles of Incorporation may be adopted by approval of two-thirds of the board of directors.

ARTICLE VIII **ADDRESS OF THE ORGANIZATION**

8.01 Corporate Address

The physical address of the Organization is Reborn Animal Rescue, Inc. 285 Devaux Rd, Torrington, CT 06790 The mailing address of the Organization is Reborn Animal Rescue, Inc. 285 Devaux Rd, Torrington, CT 06790

ARTICLE IX **APPOINTMENT OF REGISTERED AGENT**

9.01 Registered Agent

The registered agent of the Organization shall be: Melissa Spitz, 285 Devaux Rd., Torrington, CT 06790

ARTICLE X **INCORPORATOR**

The incorporators of the Organization are as follow: Melissa Spitz, 285 Devaux Rd, Torrington, CT 06790 Jeremy Spitz, 285 Devaux Rd, Torrington, CT 06790

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the above stated Articles of Incorporation of Reborn Animal Rescue, Inc. were approved by the board of directors on April 27, 2020 and constitute a complete copy of Articles of Incorporation of Reborn Animal Rescue, Inc.

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Melissa Spitz

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Melissa Spitz, Incorporator & President & Treasurer

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