

STATE OF OHIO
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF A NONPROFIT OHIO NONSTOCK CORPORATION: KEEPERS OF THE BOND

The undersigned, pursuant to Chapter 1702 of Title 17 (XVII) of the Revised Code of Ohio Laws and Rules, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, and all of whom are over the age of eighteen, desiring to form a Non-Profit Corporation under the Non-Profit Corporation Law of Ohio, states as follows:

ARTICLE I — NAME

The name of the Corporation shall be **KEEPERS of the Bond**.

ARTICLE II — MEMBERSHIP/BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This corporation shall have non-voting, members of the general public in addition to the voting members of the board. The eligibility, rights and obligations of all member types will be determined by the organization's bylaws. The management of the affairs of the corporation shall be vested in a board of directors, as defined by the corporation's bylaws. No director shall have any right, title, or interest in or to any property of the corporation.

The names and addresses of the persons who constitute the initial trustees of the corporation are as follows:

Name: Deneen Ansley Position: Executive Director

Name: Vanessa Burdette Position: Secretary

Name: Seth Sims Position: Chairman of the Board

Members of the initial board of directors shall serve until the first annual meeting, at which their successors will be duly elected and qualified, re-affirmed, or removed as provided in the bylaws.

ARTICLE III — ELECTION OF DIRECTORS/AQUISITION OF MEMBERS

The directors should elect their successors by a vote of the majority. Current directors may also appoint, by majority vote, ex officio directors who shall hold full membership rights, including those of attendance of meetings, debates and voting.

ARTICLE IV — REGISTERED AGENT

The name of the corporation's initial registered agent is: Lillian Deneen Ansley

The initial registered agent is a resident of Ohio and an initial director of the corporation.

ARTICLE V — CORPORATION ADDRESS

The corporation's initial registered office address, including the street and number, if any, which is identical to the business office of the initial registered agent, is: 1107 Lexington Ave, Dayton OH 45402.

The place in this state where the principal registered office of the Corporation is located is Montgomery County.

ARTICLE VI — PURPOSE

Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The purpose of this corporation is:

- Research the origins and foundation of the human-animal bond through extensive hands-on work, as well as interviews with successful handlers of primitive/aboriginal canines.
- Create a sense of stewardship towards animals, by encouraging individuals to focus on what they personally can do to help.
- Develop a network to distribute physical resources such as food and fencing, financial assistance, and training/behavioral services, thus enabling people to keep their pets in the family.
- Produce educational materials for pet owners and the general public.
- Mentor the next compassionate and nonjudgmental generation of animal welfare advocates.

ARTICLE VII — EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS

At all times the following shall operate as conditions restricting the operations and activities of the corporation:

1. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose set forth in the purpose clause hereof.
2. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall constitute the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or any initiative or referendum before the public, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including by publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

3. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future tax code, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code.

ARTICLE IIX— PERSONAL LIABILITY

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation 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 Third hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation 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, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, 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 IX — DURATION/DISSOLUTION

The duration of the corporate existence shall be perpetual until dissolution. Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets of the corporation shall be distributed 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. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE X - INCORPORATORS

In witness whereof, we, the undersigned, have hereunto subscribed our names for the purpose of forming the corporation under the laws of the State of Minnesota and certify we executed these Articles of Incorporation this October 31st, 2015

In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names this thirty-first day of October, 2015.

Name: Deneen Ansley Date: October 31, 2015
(Incorporator 1)

Name: Vanessa Burdette Date: October 31, 2015
(Incorporator 2)

Name: Seth Sims Date: October 31, 2015
(Incorporator 3)