

# Articles of Incorporation

The under-signed, a majority of whom are citizens or permanent residents of the United States, desire to form a Non-Profit Corporation under the Non-Profit Corporation Law of The State of Illinois, do hereby certify:

- I. The name of the Corporation shall be **Crosswinds Equine Rescue, Incorporated** (hereafter referred to as **Crosswinds**).
- II. The location in this state where the principal office of the Corporation is located is the Township of Tuscola, County of Douglas, State of Illinois. The Registered Agent is Mrs. AnnMarie Cross, President and Founding Director. The registered office is located at 1476 North County Road 1350 East, Tuscola, Illinois 61953.
- III. The duration of said corporation is perpetual.
- IV. The purpose of said corporation is both charitable and for livestock improvement, exclusively for the welfare of animals and increased education of animal owners, including but not limited to horses, 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 corresponding section of any future federal tax code. The purpose shall include providing shelter, medical care, rehabilitation and retraining to rescued, abused, abandoned, confiscated or otherwise at risk horses and other animals.
- V. The names and addresses of the persons who are the current Board of Directors of the corporation are as follows:

AnnMarie Cross, 1476 NCR 1350 E, Tuscola Illinois 61953  
Michael A Cross, 1476 NCR 1350 E, Tuscola Illinois 61953  
Angela Itterly, 325 St. Peters Rd, Macungie, Pennsylvania 18062  
Melissa Martin, 5001 Blondo Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68104-4356
- VI. The incorporator of said corporation shall be AnnMarie Cross.
- VII. No part of the net earnings of **Crosswinds** shall incur to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that **Crosswinds** 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 activities of organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and **Crosswinds** shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, **Crosswinds** shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization

exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of 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.

- VIII. Upon the dissolution of **Crosswinds**, assets 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 disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of **Crosswinds** 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.
- IX. The corporation shall have non-voting members only.
- X. The number of directors of the Corporation shall be not less than three (3) and not more than fifteen (15). The founding directors are as listed in section III.
- XI. Said corporation's purpose shall be focused upon charitable and livestock improvement functions and shall function in a non-profit and tax-exempt manner.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

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Michael A. Cross, Director

Date

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AnnMarie Cross, Director

Date

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Angela Itterly, Director

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Melissa Martin, Director

Date