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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

SHAUN C. MERCHANT, D.V.M., P.C.

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STATE OF IDAHO

The undersigned, acting as an incorporator under the Idaho Professional Service Corporation Act, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE ONE

NAME

The name of the corporation is SHAUN C. MERCHANT, D.V.M., P.C.

ARTICLE TWO

DURATION

The duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE THREE

PURPOSES AND POWERS

The purposes of the corporation and its powers are the transaction of any and all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the Idaho Professional Service Corporation Act. The corporation is organized for the practice of veterinary medicine.

ARTICLE FOUR

STOCK

The aggregate number of shares of common stock which the corporation shall have authority to issue is 1,000, and such shares shall be of no par value. Said

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shares of stock shall be fully paid for before being issued, and after issuance shall be nonassessable. Shareholders shall have a preemptive right to acquire unissued or treasury shares under such terms and conditions as the Board of Directors may fix for the purpose of providing a fair and reasonable opportunity for the exercise of such right. Such preemptive right shall exist in all events, including but not limited to:

- (1) To acquire any shares issued to directors, officers or employees;
- (2) To acquire any shares sold otherwise than for cash; and
- (3) To acquire any shares issued to satisfy conversion or option rights granted by the corporation on previously authorized sales.

ARTICLE FIVE

LOCATION

The location and address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 285 South Woodruff Avenue, Idaho Falls, Idaho, 83401, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Shaun C. Merchant, D.V.M.

ARTICLE SIX

INCORPORATORS

The name and address of each incorporator is:

NAME

ADDRESS

Shaun C. Merchant, D.V.M.

285 South Woodruff Ave.
Idaho Falls, Idaho, 83401

ARTICLE SEVEN

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors is one, and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors until the first annual meeting of shareholders or until their successors are elected and shall qualify are:

Shaun C. Merchant, D.V.M.

285 South Woodruff Ave.
Idaho Falls, Idaho, 83401

The number of directors constituting the Board of Directors from time to time shall be fixed as stated in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 23
day of July, 2001.



Shaun C. Merchant, D.V.M.

STATE OF IDAHO)
) ss.
County of Bonneville)

On this 23 day of July, 2001, before me,

Larry S. Garrison, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared Shaun C. Merchant, known or identified to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my
official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

(SEAL)

Notary Public for Idaho
Residing at: Idaho Falls
My Commission Expires: 9/26/2003