

# CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION OF

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RESCUE DOGS, INC.	
duplicate originals of Articles of Incorporation for the incorporation of	MOUNTAINWEST
I, PETE T. CENARRUSA, Secretary of State of the State of	Idaho, hereby certify that

duly signed pursuant to the provisions of the Idaho Nonprofit Corporation Act, have been received in this office and are found to conform to law.

ACCORDINGLY and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, I issue this Certificate of Incorporation and attach hereto a duplicate original of the Articles of Incorporation.

Dated <u>December 29</u> . 19 <u>83</u>



SECRETARY OF STATE

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Corporation Clerk

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION 32 4H 183 William CHOTATE

OF

MountainWest Rescue Dogs, Inc. a Nonprofit Corporation

We, the undersigned, citizens of the United States and residents of the State of Idaho, and of Legal age, acting as incorporators of a nonprofit corporation under the Idaho Nonprofit Corporations Act, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such Corp -oration:

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the corporation shall be MountainWest Rescue Dogs, Inc.

ARTICLE II

Period of Duration

The duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE III

# Purposes and Powers

The purposes and powers for which this corporation is organized are:

- A) The specific and primary purposes are to train and maintain specialized search and rescue dog units.
- B) The general purposes and powers are the performance of free search and rescue services by teams of qualified handlers and their dogs for the purpose of locating and rendering immediate in-field first aid for persons lost in wilderness, covered by snow avalanches, or trapped by disaster debris. Additionally, to provide Dive Rescue and/or any other search and rescue services within the corporations capacity at the time of request; and to have and exercise all the rights and powers conferred on Nonprofit Corporations under the laws of the State of Idaho, including but not limited to the powers to contract, rent, buy, or sell personal or real property; provided however, that this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in the activities or exercise any powers that are not in the furtherance of the primary purpose of this corporation.
- C) In general, any and all activities for which a nonprofit corporation may be incorporated under the Idaho Nonprofit Corporations Act, and any and all amendements thereto.

## ARTICLE IV

#### ADDRESS OF REGISTERED OFFICE & NAME OF REGISTERED AGENT

The address of the initial registered office of the corporation shall be , 1717 Lincoln Way, Coeurd'Alene, Idaho 83814 ( P.O. Box 1180 Hayden Lake, Idaho 83835).and the name of the initial registered agent at such address shall be Daniel A. Soumas.

#### ARTICLE V

# ORGANIZATION

To do any and all lawful acts necessary and requisite to accomplish the purpose for which the corporation is formed including, but not limited to, the aquisition of personal property, entry into contracts, leases and other agreements for the operation of the corporation. To purchase or otherwise aquire policies of insurance to establish accounts into which corporate funds might be deposited and withdrawn for corporate purposes only and in general to do all the acts necessary and advisable for the operation and maintenance of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE VI

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The corporation's affairs shall be directed exclusively by it's board of directors. The board of directors shall consist of three directors, two of which shall constitude the quorum.

# ARTICLE VII

# INITAIL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The names and addresses of the initial board of directors who shall serve as directors until the first annual meeting of the board of directors at which time the current board of directors shall either retain the current board of directors or install a new board of directors shall be:

Michael G. Anderson, P.O. Box 434, Post Falls, Idaho 83854

Daniel A. Soumas, P.O. Box 1180, Hayden Lake, Idaho 83835

Donald D. Donneaud, 1755 E. 12th Ave., Post Falls, Idaho 83834

# ARTICLE VIII

# BYLAWS

The corporation shall adopt bylaws as soon as may be practicable after incorporation and these bylaws shall be adopted and amended by a majority vote of the board of directors present at any regular or special meeting of the corporation.

# ARTICLE IX

# **BENEFITS**

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall ever inure to or for the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or any other private persons except that the corporation shall be empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the exempt purpose for which it is formed. Members of the corporation shall not be individually or personally liable for the debts of the corporation.

# CORPORATE ACTIVITIES

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

## ARTICLE XI

# **AMENDMENTS**

The corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision of these Articles in the manner now or hereafter permitted by the Idaho Nonprofit Corporation Act, except no amendment shall be made to any article without a 2/3 majority vote of the board of directors in favor of said amendment.

#### ARTICLE XII

# EFFECTS OF INVALIDITY OF PART OF THESE ARTICLES

If a court of competent jurisdiction shall adjudge to be invalid or unconstitutional any clause, sentence, paragragh, section or part of this act, such judgement or decree shall not affect, impair, invalidate or nullify the remainer of this act so adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional.

#### ARTICLE XIII

## INCORPORATORS

The names of the incorporators are:

MICHAEL G. ANDERSON, P.O. Box 434, Post Falls, Idaho 83854

DANIEL A. SOUMAS, P.O. Box 1180, Hayden Lake, Idaho 83835

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto has hereunto set their hands and caused this instrument to be executed in duplicate this 27% day of December, 1983 at Coeur d'Alene, Kootenai County, Idaho.

Daniel A. Soumas

Michael G. Anderson

STATE OF IDAHO ) ss.
County of Kootenai)

On this 27 $\rlap{/}H$  day of December, 1983, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said State, personally appeared Daniel A.Soumas and Michael G. Anderson, known to me to be the persons whose name is subscribed to the forgoing and acknowledged to me that they wilfully executed the forgoing.

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

Notary Public for th

State of Idaho.

Residing at: Post 7Alls