

BYLAWS OF Animal Victory Disaster & Abuse Fund

EIN# 88-3617975

A NORTH CAROLINA NONPROFIT CORPORATION

ARTICLE 1 OFFICES

SECTION 1. NAME

This organization shall be known as Animal Victory Disaster & Abuse Fund and shall be referred to as AVDAF in this document.

SECTION 2. PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of the corporation for the transaction of its business is located in New Hanover County, Wilmington, NC.

SECTION 3. CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The county of the AVDAV principal office can be changed only by amendment of these Bylaws and not otherwise. The Board of Directors may, however, change the principal office from one location to another by noting the changed address and effective date below, and such changes of address shall not be deemed an amendment of these Bylaws:

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Dated $\frac{09/06/2022}{09/06/2022}$

SECTION 4. OTHER OFFICES

AVDAF may also have offices at such other places, within or without the State of North Carolina, where it is qualified to do business, as its business may require and as the board of directors may, from time to time, designate.

ARTICLE 2 PURPOSES

SECTION 1. OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES

The primary mission of the AVADF is to work with and provide supplies and funds to credible, sustainable local animal organizations that are providing for the urgent rescue and care of animals during crises and disasters within their community. As able, the AVDAF will respond to requests for mutual aid from other jurisdictions outside of the United States.

AVDAF also shares some of the operating costs with its affiliate Animal Victory. By sharing the overhead marketing and website costs, both organizations save money and can promote animal welfare issues via petitions and other campaigns to attract a much larger audience and gain more exposure to help animals.

People who need and want a tax deduction and wish to support our petition work at the same time <u>can donate</u> <u>through the fund for a win-win.</u>

The vision of AVDAF is to help vulnerable animals when they need it most.

These objectives will be accomplished by:

- 1. By utilizing manpower during disasters or other crises from a variety of animal welfare organizations in the affected regions. We identify and provide funds and supplies to the sustainable, credible, boots-on-the-ground local shelters that are on the front lines urgently rescuing animals in addition to organizations urgently providing for the care and rescue of animals from abusive situations.
- 2. By creating and promoting petitions against convicted animal abusers to garner support for the prosecuting attorneys and judges to impose the maximum punishment for the charge as well as fighting for investigations from authorities to investigate alleged animal abuse crimes.
- 3. By sharing the operating expenses of both organizations for promoting the respect, rights, safety, and well-being of animals.
- 4. By publishing current news stories related to the welfare of animals.

ARTICLE 3 DIRECTORS

SECTION 1. NUMBER

The AVADF shall have not less than two (2) nor more than seven (7) directors, with the exact number to be fixed within these limits by approval of the Board of Directors or the members, if any, in the manner provided in these Bylaws. Collectively they shall be known as the Board of Directors. The number may be changed by amendment of this Bylaw, or by repeal of this Bylaw and adoption of a new Bylaw, as provided in these Bylaws.

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATIONS

Members of the Board of Directors shall be a minimum of eighteen (18) years of age with a proven passion for animal welfare.

SECTION 3. POWERS

Subject to the provisions of Chapter 55, North Carolina Nonprofit law, and any limitations in the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of this corporation, the activities and affairs of the AVDAF shall be conducted and all corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the direction of the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4. DUTIES

It shall be the duty of the directors to:

Perform any and all duties imposed on them collectively or individually by law, by the Articles of Incorporation of the AVDAF, or by these Bylaws;

Appoint and remove, employ and discharge, and, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, prescribe the duties and fix the compensation, if any, of all officers, agents and employees of the AVDAF;

Supervise all officers, agents and employees of the AVDAF to assure that their duties are performed properly;

Meet at such times and places as required by these Bylaws;

Register their addresses with the Secretary of the AVDAF and notices of meetings mailed or telegraphed or emailed to them at such addresses shall be valid notices thereof.

SECTION 5. TERMS OF OFFICE

Each director shall hold office until the next annual meeting for election of the Board of Directors as specified in these Bylaws, and until his or her successor is elected and qualifies.

SECTION 6. COMPENSATION

Directors shall serve without compensation. In addition, they may be allowed reasonable advancement or reimbursement of expenses incurred in the performance of their regular duties as specified in Section 3 of this Article. Directors may not be compensated for rendering services to AVDAF in any capacity other than director unless such other compensation is reasonable and is allowable under the provisions of Section 6 of this Article.

SECTION 7. PLACE OF MEETINGS

Meetings shall be held at such places within or without the State of North Carolina which have been designated from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors. Any meeting, regular or special, may be held by conference telephone, electronic video screen communication, or other communications equipment. Participation in a meeting through use of conference telephone constitutes presence in person at that meeting so long as all directors participating in the meeting are able to hear one another. Participation in a meeting through use of electronic video screen communication or other communications equipment (other than

conference telephone) constitutes presence in person at that meeting if all of the following apply:

a). Each director participating in the meeting can communicate with all of the other directors concurrently;

Each director is provided the means of participating in all matters before the board, including, without limitation, the capacity to propose, or to interpose an objection to, a specific action to be taken by the AVDAF;

The AVDAF adopts and implements some means of verifying 1) that all persons participating in the meeting are directors of the AVDAF or are otherwise entitled to participate in the meeting, and 2) that all actions of, or votes by, the board are taken and cast only by directors and not by persons who are not directors.

SECTION 9. REGULAR AND ANNUAL MEETINGS

Regular meetings of Directors shall be held a minimum of two times per year, to be scheduled at the convenience of the directors, at 5:00 PM est, unless such day falls on a legal holiday, in which event the regular meeting shall be held at the same hour and place on the next business day.

The annual meeting of Directors shall be held on the second Monday of January, unless such day falls on a legal holiday, in which event the annual meeting shall be held at the same hour and place on the next business day. The AVDAF makes no provision for members. Therefore, at the annual meeting of directors, directors shall be elected by the Board of Directors in accordance with this section. Cumulative voting by directors for the election of directors shall not be permitted. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes up to the number of directors to be elected shall be elected. Each director shall cast one vote, with voting being by ballot only.

SECTION 10. SPECIAL MEETINGS

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Chairperson of the board, the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, or by any two directors, and such meetings shall be held at the place, within or without the State of North Carolina, and the time designated by the person or persons calling the meeting.

SECTION 11. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Regular meetings of the board may be held without notice. Special meetings of the board shall be held upon four (4) days' notice by first-class mail or forty-eight (48) hours' notice delivered personally or by telephone, telegraph or email. If sent by mail or telegraph, the notice shall be deemed to be delivered on its deposit in the mails or on its delivery to the telegraph company.

Such notices shall be addressed to each director at his or her address as shown on the books of AVDAF. Notice of the time and place of holding an adjourned meeting need not be given to

absent directors if the time and place of the adjourned meeting are fixed at the meeting adjourned and if such adjourned meeting is held no more than twenty-four (24) hours from the time of the original meeting. Notice shall be given of any adjourned regular or special meeting to directors absent from the original meeting if the adjourned meeting is held more than twenty-four (24) hours from the time of the original meeting.

SECTION 12. CONTENTS OF NOTICE

Notice of meetings not herein dispensed with shall specify the place, day and hour of the meeting. The purpose of any board meeting need not be specified in the notice.

SECTION 13. WAIVER OF NOTICE AND CONSENT TO HOLDING MEETINGS

The transactions of any meeting of the board, however called and noticed or wherever held, are as valid as though the meeting had been duly held after proper call and notice, provided a quorum, as hereinafter defined, is present and provided that either before or after the meeting each director not present signs a waiver of notice, a consent to holding the meeting, or an approval of the minutes thereof. All such waivers, consents, or approvals shall be filed with the corporate records or made a part of the minutes of the meeting.

SECTION 14. QUORUM FOR MEETINGS

A quorum shall consist of a unanimous vote of the current number of Directors.

Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws or in the Articles of Incorporation of the AVDAF, or by law, no business shall be considered by the board at any meeting at which a quorum, as hereinafter defined, is not present, and the only motion which the Chair shall entertain at such meeting is a motion to adjourn. However, a majority of the directors present at such meeting may adjourn from time to time until the time fixed for the next regular meeting of the board.

When a meeting is adjourned for lack of a quorum, it shall not be necessary to give any notice of the time and place of the adjourned meeting or of the business to be transacted at such meeting, other than by announcement at the meeting at which the adjournment is taken, except as provided in Section 10 of this Article.

The directors present at a duly called and held meeting at which a quorum is initially present may continue to do business notwithstanding the loss of a quorum at the meeting due to a withdrawal of directors from the meeting, provided that any action thereafter taken must be approved by at least a majority of the required quorum for such meeting or such greater percentage as may be required by law, or the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of the AVDAF.

SECTION 15. MAJORITY ACTION AS BOARD ACTION

Every act or decision done or made by a unanimous vote of the directors present at a meeting duly held at which a quorum is present is the act of the Board of Directors, unless the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of the AVDAF, or provisions of the North Carolina Nonprofit

Corporation Law, require a greater percentage or different voting rules for approval of a matter by the board.

SECTION 16. CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be presided over by the Chairperson of the Board, or, if no such person has been so designated or, in his or her absence, the President of the AVDAF or, in his or her absence, by the Vice President of the AVDAF or, in the absence of each of these persons, by a Chairperson chosen by a majority of the directors present at the meeting. The Secretary of the AVDAF shall act as secretary of all meetings of the board, provided that, in his or her absence, the presiding officer shall appoint another person to act as Secretary of the Meeting.

Meetings shall be governed by the current edition of Roberts' Rules of Order, as such rules may be revised from time to time, insofar as such rules are not inconsistent with or in conflict with these Bylaws, with the Articles of Incorporation of the AVDAF, or with provisions of law.

SECTION 17. ACTION BY UNANIMOUS WRITTEN CONSENT WITHOUT MEETING

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors under any provision of law may be taken without a meeting, if all members of the board shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action.

Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the board. Such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as the unanimous vote of the directors. Any certificate or other document filed under any provision of law which relates to action so taken shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the Board of Directors without a meeting and that the Bylaws of the AVDAF authorize the directors to so act, and such statement shall be prima facie evidence of such authority.

SECTION 18. VACANCIES

Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall exist (1) on the death, resignation or removal of any director, and (2) whenever the number of authorized directors is increased.

The Board of Directors may declare vacant the office of a director who has been declared of unsound mind by a final order of court, or convicted of a felony, or been found by a final order or judgment of any court to have breached any duty under the North Carolina Nonprofit Laws.

Directors may be removed without cause by the President of the directors then in office.

Any director may resign effective upon giving written notice to the Chairperson of the Board, the President, the Secretary, or the Board of Directors, unless the notice specifies a later time for the effectiveness of such resignation. No director may resign if the AVDAF would then be left without a duly elected director or directors in charge of its affairs, except upon notice to the Attorney General.

Vacancies on the board may be filled by approval of the board or, if the number of directors, then in office is less than a quorum, by (1) the unanimous written consent of the directors then in office, (2) the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors then in office at a meeting held pursuant to notice or waivers of notice complying with this Article of these Bylaws, or (3) a sole remaining director. If the NVADG has members, however, vacancies created by the removal of a director may be filled only by the approval of the members. The members, if any, of the AVDAF may elect a director at any time to fill any vacancy not filled by the directors.

A person elected to fill a vacancy as provided by this Section shall hold office until the next annual election of the Board of Directors or until his or her death, resignation or removal from office.

SECTION 19. NON-LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS

The directors shall not be personally liable for the debts, liabilities, or other obligations of the AVDAF.

SECTION 20. INDEMNIFICATION BY CORPORATION OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND OTHER AGENTS

To the extent that a person who is, or was, a director, officer, employee or other agent of the AVDAF has been successful on the merits in defense of any civil, criminal, administrative or investigative proceeding brought to procure a judgment against such person by reason of the fact that he or she is, or was, an agent of the AVDAF, or has been successful in defense of any claim, issue or matter, therein, such person shall be indemnified against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such proceeding.

If such person either settles any such claim or sustains a judgment against him or her, then indemnification

against expenses, judgments, fines, settlements and other amounts reasonably incurred in connection with such proceedings shall be provided by the AVDAF but only to the extent allowed by, and in accordance with the requirements of, Chapter 55, North Carolina NonProfit Corporation Act.

SECTION 21. INSURANCE FOR CORPORATE AGENTS

The Board of Directors may adopt a resolution authorizing the purchase and maintenance of insurance on behalf of any agent of the AVDAF (including a director, officer, employee or other agent of the AVDAF) against any liability other than for violating provisions of law relating to self- dealing (Chapter 55, North Carolina NonProfit Corporation Act.) asserted against or incurred by the agent in such capacity or arising out of the agent's status as such, whether or not the AVDAF would have the power to indemnify the agent against such liability under the

ARTICLE 4 OFFICERS

SECTION 1. NUMBER OF OFFICERS

The officers of the AVDAF shall be a President, and Secretary.

provisions of Chapter 55, North Carolina NonProfit Corporation Act.

The AVDAF may also have, as determined by the Board of Directors, a Chairperson of the Board, one or more Vice Presidents, Assistant Secretaries, Assistant Treasurers, or other officers. Any number of offices may be held by the same person except that neither the Secretary nor the Treasurer may serve as the President or Chairperson of the Board.

SECTION 2. QUALIFICATION, ELECTION, AND TERM OF OFFICE

Any person may serve as officer of the AVDAF. Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors, at any time, and each officer shall hold office until he or she resigns or is removed or is otherwise disqualified to serve, or until his or her successor shall be elected and qualified, whichever occurs first.

SECTION 3. SUBORDINATE OFFICERS

The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers or agents as it may deem desirable, and such officers shall serve such terms, have such authority, and perform such duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 4. REMOVAL AND RESIGNATION

Any officer may be removed, either with or without cause, by the Board of Directors at any time. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors or to the President or Secretary of the AVDAF. Any such resignation shall take effect at the date of receipt of such notice or at any later date specified therein, and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective. The above provisions of this Section shall be superseded by any conflicting terms of a contract which has been approved or ratified by the Board of Directors relating to the employment of any officer of the AVDAF.

SECTION 5. VACANCIES

Any vacancy caused by the death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, of any officer shall be filled by the Board of Directors. In the event of a vacancy in any office other than that of President, such

vacancy may be filled temporarily by appointment by the President until such time as the Board shall fill the vacancy. Vacancies occurring in offices of officers appointed at the discretion of the board may or may not be filled as the board shall determine.

SECTION 6. DUTIES OF PRESIDENT

The President shall be the chief executive officer of the AVDAF and shall, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, supervise and control the affairs of the AVDAF and the activities of the officers. He or she shall perform all duties incident to his or her office and such other duties as may be required by law, by the Articles of Incorporation of the AVDAF, or by these Bylaws, or which may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors. Unless another person is specifically appointed as Chairperson of the Board of Directors, he or she shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. If applicable, the President shall preside at all meetings of the members. Except as otherwise expressly provided by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, or by these Bylaws, he or she shall, in the name of the AVDAF, execute such deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, checks, or other instruments which may from time to time be authorized by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 7. DUTIES OF VICE PRESIDENT

In the absence of the President, or in the event of his or her inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions on, the President. The Vice President shall have other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, or by these Bylaws, or as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 8. DUTIES OF SECRETARY

The Secretary shall:

Certify and keep at the principal office of the AVDAF the original, or a copy of these Bylaws as amended or otherwise altered to date.

Keep at the principal office of the AVDAF or at such other place as the board may determine, a book of minutes of all meetings of the directors, and, if applicable, meetings of committees of directors and of members, recording therein the time and place of holding, whether regular or special, how called, how notice thereof was given, the names of those present or represented at the meeting, and the proceedings thereof.

See that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws or as required by law.

Be custodian of the records and of the seal of the AVDAF and see that the seal is affixed to all duly executed documents, the execution of which on behalf of the AVDAF under its seal is authorized by law or these Bylaws.

Keep at the principal office of the AVDAF a membership book containing the name and address of each and any members, and, in the case where any membership has been terminated, he or she shall record such fact in the membership book together with the date on which such membership ceased.

Exhibit at all reasonable times to any director of the AVDAF, or to his or her agent or attorney, on request therefore, the Bylaws, the membership book, and the minutes of the proceedings of the directors of the AVDAF.

In general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as may be required by law, by the Articles of Incorporation of the AVDAF, or by these Bylaws, or which maybe assigned to him or her

from time to time by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 9. DUTIES OF TREASURER

Subject to the provisions of these Bylaws relating to the "Execution of Instruments, Deposits and Funds," the Treasurer shall:

Have charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all funds and securities of the AVDAF, and deposit all such funds in the name of the AVDAF in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall be selected by the Board of Directors.

Receive, and give receipt for, monies due and payable to the AVDAF from any source whatsoever.

Disburse, or cause to be disbursed, the funds of the AVDAF as may be directed by the Board of Directors, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements.

Keep and maintain adequate and correct accounts of the AVDAF's properties and business transactions, including accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains and losses.

Exhibit at all reasonable times the books of account and financial records to any director of the AVDAF, or to his or her agent or attorney, on request therefore.

Render to the President and directors, whenever requested, an account of any or all of his or her transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the AVDAF.

Prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify, or cause to be certified, the financial statements to be included in any required reports.

In general, perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as may be required by law, by the Articles of Incorporation of the AVDAF, or by these Bylaws, or which may be assigned to him or her from time to time by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 10. COMPENSATION

The salaries of the officers, if any, shall be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors, and no officer shall be prevented from receiving such salary by reason of the fact that he or she is also a director of AVDAF, provided, however, that such compensation paid a director for serving as an officer of the NAVDAF shall only be allowed if permitted under the provisions of Article 3, Section 6 of these Bylaws. In all cases, any salaries received by officers of AVDAF shall be reasonable and given in return for services actually rendered for the AVDAF which relate to the performance of the charitable or public purposes of this corporation.

ARTICLE 5 COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Board of Directors may, by a majority vote of directors, designate two (2) or more of its board members (who may also be serving as officers of the AVDAF) to constitute an Executive Committee and delegate to such Committee any of the powers and authority of the board in the management of the business and affairs of the AVDAF, except with respect to:

The approval of any action which, under law or the provisions of these Bylaws, requires the approval of the members or of a majority of all of the members.

- 1. The filling of vacancies on the board or on any committee which has the authority of the board.
- 2. The fixing of compensation of the directors for serving on the board or on any committee.
- 3. The amendment or repeal of Bylaws or the adoption of new Bylaws.
- 4. The amendment or repeal or any resolution of the board which by its express terms is not so amendable or repealable.
- 5. The appointment of committees of the board or the members thereof.
- 6. The expenditure of corporate funds to support a nominee for director after there are more people nominated for director than can be elected.
- 7. The approval of any transaction to which the AVDAF is a party and in which one or more of
- 8. the directors has a material financial interest, except as expressly provided in Chapter 55A North Carolina NonProfit Corporation
- 9. Act.
- 10. By a majority vote of its members then in office, the board may at any time revoke or modify any or all of the authority so delegated, increase or decrease but not below two (2) the number of its members, and fill vacancies therein from the members of the board. The Committee shall keep regular minutes of its proceedings, cause them to be filed with the corporate records, and report the same to the board from time to time as the board may require.

SECTION 2. OTHER COMMITTEES

The AVDAF shall have such other committees as may from time to time be designated by resolution of the Board of Directors. Such other committees may consist of persons who are not also members of the board. These additional committees shall act in an advisory capacity only to the board and shall be clearly titled as "advisory" committees.

SECTION 3. MEETINGS AND ACTION OF COMMITTEES

Meetings and action of committees shall be governed by, noticed, held and taken in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws concerning meetings of the Board of Directors, with such changes in the context of such Bylaw provisions as are necessary to substitute the committee and its members for the Board of Directors and its members, except that the time for regular meetings of committees may be fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors or by the committee. The time for special meetings of committees may also be fixed by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors may also adopt rules and regulations pertaining to the conduct of meetings of committees to the extent that such rules and regulations are not inconsistent with the provisions of these Bylaws.

ARTICLE 6

EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS, DEPOSITS AND FUNDS

SECTION 1. EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS

The Board of Directors, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, may by resolution authorize any officer or agent of the AVDAF to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the AVDAF, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Unless so

authorized, no officer, agent, or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the AVDAF by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or to render it liable monetarily for any purpose or in any amount.

SECTION 2. CHECKS AND NOTES

Except as otherwise specifically determined by resolution of the Board of Directors, or as otherwise required by law, checks, drafts, promissory notes, orders for the payment of money, and other evidence of indebtedness of the AVDAF shall be signed by the Treasurer, Vice President or President of the AVDAF.

SECTION 3. DEPOSITS

All funds of the AVDAF shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the AVDAF in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

SECTION 4. GIFTS

The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the AVDAF any contribution, gift, bequest, or devise for the charitable or public purposes of this corporation.

ARTICLE 7

CORPORATE RECORDS, REPORTS AND SEAL

SECTION 1. MAINTENANCE OF CORPORATE RECORDS

The AVDAF shall keep at its principal office in the State of North Carolina:

Minutes of all meetings of directors, and committees of the board, indicating the time and place of holding such meetings, whether regular or special, how called, the notice given, and the names of those present and the proceedings thereof;

Adequate and correct books and records of account, including accounts of its properties and business transactions and accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains and losses;

A record of its board members, indicating their names and addresses and the termination date of any position held;

A copy of the AVDAF's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws as amended to date, which shall be open to inspection by the board members, of the AVDAF at all reasonable times during office hours.

SECTION 2. CORPORATE SEAL

The Board of Directors may adopt, use, and at will alter, a corporate seal. Such seal shall be kept at the principal office of the AVDAF. Failure to affix the seal to corporate instruments, however, shall not affect the validity of any such instrument.

SECTION 3. DIRECTORS' INSPECTION RIGHTS

Every director shall have the absolute right at any reasonable time to inspect and copy all books, records and documents of every kind and to inspect the physical properties of the AVDAF.

SECTION 4. RIGHT TO COPY AND MAKE EXTRACTS

Any inspection under the provisions of this Article may be made in person or by agent or attorney and the right to inspection includes the right to copy and make extracts.

SECTION 5. ANNUAL REPORT

The board shall cause an annual report to be furnished not later than one hundred and twenty (120) days after the close of the AVDAF's fiscal year to all directors of the corporation, which report shall contain the following information in appropriate detail:

The assets and liabilities, including the trust funds, of the AVDAF as of the end of the fiscal year; The principal changes in assets and liabilities, including trust funds, during the fiscal year;

The revenue or receipts of the AVDAF, both unrestricted and restricted to particular purposes, for the fiscal year; The expenses or disbursements of the AVDAF, for both general and restricted purposes, during the fiscal year;

The annual report shall be accompanied by any report thereon of independent accountants, or, if there is no such report, the certificate of an authorized officer of the AVDAF that such statements were prepared without audit from the books and records of the corporation.

SECTION 6. ANNUAL STATEMENT OF SPECIFIC TRANSACTIONS

The AVDAF shall mail or deliver to all directors a statement within one hundred and twenty (120) days after the close of its fiscal year which briefly describes the amount and circumstances of any indemnification or transaction of the following kind:

Any transaction in which the AVDAF, or its parent or its subsidiary, was a party, and in which either of the following had a direct or indirect material financial interest:

Any director or officer of the AVDAF, or its parent or subsidiary (a mere common directorship shall not be considered a material financial interest); or

Any holder of more than ten percent (10%) of the voting power of the AVDAF, its parent or its subsidiary.

The above statement need only be provided with respect to a transaction during the previous fiscal year involving more than FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) or which was one of a number of transactions with the same persons involving, in the aggregate, more than FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000).

Similarly, the statement need only be provided with respect to indemnifications or advances aggregating more than TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) paid during the previous fiscal year to any director or officer, except that no such statement need be made if such indemnification was approved by the members pursuant to Chapter 55A, North Carolina NonProfit Act.

Any statement required by this Section shall briefly describe the names of the interested persons involved in such transactions, stating each person's relationship to the AVDAF, the nature of such person's interest in the transaction and, where practical, the amount of such interest, provided that in the case of a transaction with a partnership of which such person is a partner, only the interest of the partnership need be stated.

ARTICLE 8 FISCAL YEAR

SECTION 1. FISCAL YEAR OF THE CORPORATION

The fiscal year of the AVDAF shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December in each year.

ARTICLE 9 AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT

Subject to any provision of law applicable to the amendment of Bylaws of public benefit nonprofit corporations, these Bylaws, or any of them, may be altered, amended, or repealed and new Bylaws adopted.

ARTICLE 10 AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

Any amendment of the Articles of Incorporation may be adopted by approval of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE 11

PROHIBITION AGAINST SHARING CORPORATE PROFITS AND ASSETS

SECTION 1. PROHIBITION AGAINST SHARING CORPORATE PROFITS AND ASSETS

No member, director, officer, employee, or other person connected with the AVDAF, or any private individual, shall receive at any time any of the net earnings or pecuniary profit from the operations of the corporation, provided, however, that this provision shall not prevent payment to any such person of reasonable compensation for services performed for the AVDAF in effecting any of its public or charitable purposes, provided that such compensation is otherwise permitted by these Bylaws and is fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors; and no such person or persons shall be entitled to share in the distribution of, and shall not receive, any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the AVDAF. All members, if any, of the AVDAF shall be deemed to have expressly consented and agreed that on such dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the corporation, whether voluntarily or involuntarily, the assets of the AVDAF, after all debts have been satisfied, shall be distributed as required by the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation and not otherwise.

ARTICLE 12 MEMBERS

SECTION 1. DETERMINATION OF MEMBERS

AVDAF makes no provision for members, Thus, pursuant to Chapter 55A North Carolina NonProfit Corporation Act, any action which would otherwise, under law or the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of this corporation, require approval by a majority of all members or approval by the members, shall only require the approval of the Board of Directors.

WRITTEN CONSENT OF DIRECTORS ADOPTING BYLAWS

We, the undersigned, are all of the persons named as the initial directors of Animal Victory Disaster and

Abuse Fund, A North Carolina NonProfit Corporation pursuant to the authority granted to the directors by these Bylaws to take action by unanimous written consent without a meeting, consent to, and hereby do, adopt the foregoing Bylaws, consisting of fifteen (15) pages, as the Bylaws of this corporation.

Dated:
Janelle Babington, President and Executive Director

Penny Eims, Secretary and Associate Director

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CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Bylaws of Animal Victory Disaster And Abuse Fund named in the title thereto and that such Bylaws were duly adopted by the Board of Directors of said corporation on the date set forth below.

Dated: 9/6/2022 Penny Eims, Secretary

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