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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
CA NONPROFIT CORPORATION
PUBLIC BENEFIT

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Corporation Name	Big Cat Refuge, Inc.
Initial Street Address of Principal Office of Corporation Principal Address	7451 EASTGATE RD HENDERSON, NV 89011
Initial Mailing Address of Corporation Mailing Address	7451 EASTGATE RD HENDERSON, NV 89011
Attention	
Agent for Service of Process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I certify the selected California Registered Corporate Agent (1505) has agreed to serve as the Agent for Service of Process for this entity. California Registered Corporate Agent (1505) REPUBLIC REGISTERED AGENT INC. Registered Corporate 1505 Agent
Purpose Statement	This corporation is a Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for: Public and Charitable purposes
Additional Statements	<p>The specific purpose of this corporation is to provide the finest natural sanctuary for exotic wildlife in need by providing permanent, lifetime care along with wildlife conservation education programs to our local communities to promote public awareness of the plights of exotic species.</p> <p>This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for the purposes set forth within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3).</p> <p>No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and this corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.</p> <p>The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to the purposes set forth herein and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person.</p> <p>Upon the dissolution or winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational and/or religious purposes and which has established its tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3).</p> <p>Notwithstanding any of the above statements of purpose and powers, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the specific purpose of this corporation.</p>
Additional information and signatures set forth on attached pages, if any, are incorporated herein by reference and made part of these Articles of Incorporation.	
Electronic Signature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I declare that I am the person who executed this instrument, which execution is my act and deed.

Ryan Carlson

Signature

01/03/2025

Date

ATTACHMENT TO THE
ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS OF
THE ARTICLES OF
INCORPORATION OF BIG CAT
REFUGE, INC.

This Corporation does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit, incidental or otherwise, to its directors, officers, or other private persons or enterprises organized for profit, and no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, any such person or enterprise, except that this Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for goods and services rendered and make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein.

It is intended that this Corporation shall have and continue to have the status of an organization which is exempt from federal income tax under Code Section 501(a) and described in Code Section 501(c)(3). All terms and provisions of these Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws of the Corporation, and all operations of the Corporation, shall be construed, applied and carried out in accordance with this intent. If the Corporation is subject, or ever becomes subject, to the private foundation rules of the Code, the Corporation shall: (1) distribute its income for each tax year at such time and in such manner so that it will not become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Code Section 4942; (2) not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Code Section 4941(d); (3) not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Code Section 4943(c); (4) not make any investments in a manner that would subject it to tax under Code Section 4944; and (5) not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Code Section 4945(d).

The term for which the Corporation is to exist is perpetual.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Incorporator has signed these Articles of Incorporation this 3rd day of January, 2024.

BIG CAT REFUGE, INC.

By: Ryan Carlson
Ryan Carlson, Incorporator