

**AMENDED AND RESTATED
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

ARTICLE I – NAME OF ORGANIZATION

Section 1. The name of the Organization shall be American Association of Equine Therapists & Technicians, Inc.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSES AND POWERS

Section 1. Said Organization is organized to:

- a) Promote and facilitate the advancement of the equine supportive care industry among its members;
- b) Provide educational opportunities and resources for its members to enhance their professional skills and knowledge;
- c) Foster collaboration and information exchange among professionals in the field of equine therapy, farriery, dentistry, and other supportive and veterinary care;
- d) Support research and development efforts in equine therapy and related fields;
- e) Solicit and acquire by gift, exchange, membership dues, sponsorship or otherwise, property or money of any and all kinds, and to sell, invest, transfer and otherwise dispose of any property it so acquires and is in accordance to the purpose and powers stated within;
- f) Give, donate and contribute to any of the activities the Organization may elect to sponsor, or in furtherance of any of the aforesaid purposes for which the Organization is organized, such money or property, or both, as the organization's Board of Directors may from time to time determine;
- g) Accept gifts, bequests or devises of property of any kind, which any individual, firm, corporation or other entity may make to the Organization, upon the terms, trusts and American Association of Equine Therapists & Technicians, Inc conditions set forth in the deed of gift, will or other instrument of writing executed by any such donor or testator, but only for the purposes and upon the terms and conditions and with the powers set forth in these Articles of Incorporation;
- h) To become a member of any other non-stock or non-profit corporation organized under the laws of any state, or to become affiliated with any other organization of like character existing under the laws of any state; provided however, that such corporation or organization is an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code");
- i) The Organization shall not carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation to an extent that would disqualify it for tax exemption under Section 501(c)(6).

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- j) To do any and all things which the Organization's Board of Directors may determine, consistent with the provisions hereof, to be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes for which the Organization is formed as herein set forth, to the extent that the doing of such act or thing is not inconsistent with the provisions of Chapter 273 of Kentucky Revised Statutes, or any other applicable law or statute of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, or Section 501(c)(6) of the Code.

The Organization shall operate in such a manner (i) that no part of its income or property shall inure to the private benefit of any donor, director, or individual having a personal or private interest in the activities of the Organization, except as reasonable compensation for services actually rendered, (ii) and that it shall not directly or indirectly participate in or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Specifically, AAETT is organized to strengthen the knowledge and skills of its members through continuing education at the state, national, and international levels, all within the purview of Section 501(c)(6) of the Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Section 2. The objects and purposes of the Organization, and the powers it shall have and may exercise, are as follows:

- a. To solicit and acquire by gift, exchange or otherwise, property of any and all kinds, and to sell, transfer and otherwise dispose of any property it so acquires;
- b. To invest and reinvest such property and the increments in, and avails or proceeds of, any such property in such investments as may be deemed advisable from time to time by the Organization's Board of Directors including, but not limited to, stocks, bonds, secured and unsecured obligations, undivided interests, leases, commercial paper, financial and governmental instruments, savings and other depository accounts and other securities and properties;
- c. To give, donate and contribute to any of the activities the Organization may elect to sponsor, or in furtherance of any of the aforesaid purposes for which the Corporation is organized, such money or property, or both, as the Organization's Board of Directors may from time to time determine;
- d. To take title to, and hold in its own name, such real or personal property, or both, and such interests in either such type of property as the Organization may acquire, for the purposes herein set out, and to sell, transfer and dispose of any such property or reinvest the proceeds thereof as herein permitted;
- e. To accept gifts, bequests or devises of property of any kind, which any individual, firm, corporation or other entity may make to the Organization, upon the terms, trusts and conditions set forth in the deed of gift, will or other instrument of writing executed by any such donor or testator, but only for the purposes and upon the terms and conditions and with the powers set forth in these Articles of Incorporation;
- f. To borrow money and give security therefor by pledging, mortgaging or otherwise hypothecating any property it may own, or any interest it may have in such property;
- g. To become a member of any other non-stock or non-profit corporation organized under the laws of any state, or to become affiliated with any other organization of like character existing under the laws of any state; provided however, that such corporation or organization is an exempt organization under section 501(c)(6) of the Code; and

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- h. To do any and all things which the Organization's Board of Directors may determine, consistent with the provisions hereof, to be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purposes for which the Organization is formed as herein set forth, to the extent that the doing of such act or thing is not inconsistent with the provisions of Chapter 273 of Kentucky Revised Statutes, or any other applicable law or statute of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, or section 501(c)(6) of the Code.

ARTICLE III – PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Section 1. The principal office of the Organization shall be located in Woodford County, Commonwealth of Kentucky, at 802 Mildred Street in Versailles. The mailing address of the Organization's principal office is P.O. Box 172, Versailles, Kentucky 40383.

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1. The current number of officers (2) and directors (12) constituting the current Board of Directors shall be a total of fourteen (14). Thereafter, the number of officers and directors shall be fixed at five (5) Officers and (10) Directors, with additional Officers as set by the Board of Directors per the Bylaws. The names and addresses of the persons who are the Interim Officers and Directors of the Corporation include:

President	Michele Haman	802 Mildred St., Versailles, KY 40383
Vice President		
Treasurer		
Secretary	Jessenia Quinonez	7285 Burgess Dr., Lake Worth, FL 33467
Directors	Danielle Aamodt	623 Sebree Rd., Stamping Ground, KY 40379
	Esco Buff	2400 Winding Creek Blvd. 14-106, Clearwater, FL 33761
	Gabriele Gross	27762 Antonio Pkwy. Suite L1-544, Ladera Ranch, CA 92694
	Janice Holland	1015 Philadelphia Ave., Chambersburg, PA 17201
	Rhonda Martin	31106 E 275th St., Harrisonville, MO 64701
	Lisa Miksis	20 Baldwin Dr., Branford, CT 06405
	Melinda Mueller	13471 Mustang Ave., Nelson, MO 65347-3237
	Christina Naas	1535 Dewfrost Place, Castle Rock, CO 80104
	Debra Redman	1671 Bethlehem Church Rd., Buchanan, GA 30113
	Brian Wachholtz	1174 Lane 13, Powell, WY 82435
	Kirstie Wachholtz	1174 Lane 13, Powell, WY 82435
	Christine Walker	1331 S 166 th St., Omaha, NE 68130

ARTICLE V – FOUNDER AND FOUNDING SPONSOR

Section 1. The Founder of the Organization is Henry Siegel.

Section 2. The Founding Sponsor of the Organization is Magnus Magnetica.

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ARTICLE VI – MEMBERS

Section 1. The Organization shall have Members (individuals and organizations) who shall have such rights (including voting rights), powers, and obligations as set forth in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII – DURATION

Section 1. The duration of the corporate existence shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE VIII – DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

Section 1. If, at any time, the Organization dissolves, the assets of the Organization shall be applied and distributed as follows:

- a. All liabilities and obligations of the Organization shall be paid and discharged, or adequate provision shall be made therefor.
- b. Assets that have been received and are held by the Organization subject to limitations permitting their use only for charitable, scientific, educational or similar purposes shall be transferred or conveyed to (i) one or more corporations, societies or organizations organized under the laws of any state that are exempt under section 501(c)(6) of the Code, (ii) the Federal government or (iii) a state or local government, for a public purpose, pursuant to a plan of distribution adopted as provided by law.
- c. Other assets, if any, shall be transferred or conveyed to (i) one or more corporations, societies or organizations organized under the laws of any state that are exempt under section 501(c)(6) of the Code, (ii) the Federal government or (iii) a state or local government, for a public purpose, pursuant to a plan of distribution adopted as provided by law.
- d. Any assets not disposed of pursuant to the previous provisions of this Article VIII shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the Organization is then located to such organizations, as the court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and are exempt under section 501(c)(6) of the Code.

ARTICLE IX – INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Organization shall indemnify its officers and directors as provided in the Kentucky Revised Statutes. Such indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any additional indemnification which the Board of Directors may deem advisable or of any rights to which those indemnified may be otherwise entitled.

Section 2. Any repeal or modification of this Article IX shall not adversely affect any right or protection of an officer or director of the Organization under this Article IX with respect to any act or omission occurring prior to the time of such repeal or modification.

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ARTICLE X – SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS

Section 1. Except as may conflict with the provisions of Article II, if any provision of these Articles of Incorporation, or its application to any person or circumstances, shall be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity shall not affect any other provisions or applications of these Articles of Incorporation that can be given effect without the invalid

provision or application, and to this end the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation are severable.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These Articles of Incorporation can be amended only by a 2/3 majority vote of the voting members of the Association present at a meeting of the Association, provided the proposed amendment has been submitted to the Board of Directors and presented to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

Adopted by Board of Directors Resolution on November 2, 2023 and PENDING Voting Membership Acceptance January 2, 2024.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Kentucky that the foregoing is true and correct.

_____	<u>Michele R. Haman, President</u>	_____
Signature of Registered Agent	Name & Title	Date

I, Michele R. Haman, consent to serve as the Registered Agent on behalf of the organization.

_____	<u>Michele R. Haman, President</u>	_____
Signature of Registered Agent	Name & Title	Date