

Illinois Raptor Center

Articles of Incorporation

Article 1

Purpose and Policy

Section 1. The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes within the meaning of section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 2. The purpose of Illinois Raptor Center is the rehabilitation of orphaned and injured wildlife and the promotion of wildlife education.

Section 3. It is the policy of Illinois Raptor Center to:

- Provide humane care and treatment for all wildlife needing protection
- To return all injured and orphaned wildlife to their natural habitat
- To seek suitable homes for permanently injured wildlife
- To provide euthanasia when necessary
- To maintain the stand of care prescribed by the National Wildlife Rehabilitation Association
- To promote wildlife education through newsletters, educational programs, videos, instructional materials and community service

Section 4. Illinois Raptor Center shall be a nonprofit organization. Illinois Raptor Center shall not be conducted or operated for profit and no part of any profits or remainder or residue from Illinois Raptor Center monies shall inure to the benefit of any member or individual.

ARTICLE II

Headquarters and Branches

The principle headquarters of Illinois Raptor Center shall be in Macon County. Illinois Raptor Center may establish and maintain branches and offices in other counties of Illinois.

ARTICLE III

Seal

The Board of Directors may prescribe the design for a corporate seal. The seal may be used by causing it or a facsimile thereof to be affixed or reproduced otherwise.

ARTICLE IV

Members

Membership shall be of two classes.

Supporting Friends: Every person/s or group who shall donate suggested amounts for single family or businesses or who donates gifts in kind shall be classed a Supporting Friend. Supporting Friends are entitled to receive the Illinois Raptor Center newsletters, reports and to view educational materials. Supporting Friends may participate as volunteers with animal care, education or fund raising. Directors will designate the suggested amounts.

Care Givers: Persons who are trained in animal care and rehabilitation, holds or works under the proper state and federal rehabilitation permits, performs hands-on care of orphaned and injured wildlife, works with Illinois Raptor

Center through one "baby season" and has been elected by the Board of Directors shall be classed as a Care-Giver. No person may be a Care-Giver who derives his or her livelihood or any income from the purchase, sale, use care or commercial exploitation of animals; is accused of or convicted of cruelty to animals; engages or has engaged in blood sports involving animals or who participates in or promotes hunting or trapping of animals; or who will not give equal care to all animals without prejudice. Care-Givers work out of their homes, at their own expense.

ARTICLE V
Directors

Section 1. The concerns, direction and management of the affairs of the society shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

Section 2. Only active Care-Givers in good standing are eligible for election as directors or executive committees.

Section 3. The members of the Board of Directors shall be elected at annual meetings by the Care-Givers of Illinois Raptor Center and shall serve for terms of one year except for founding Board of Directors whose terms will automatically renew each year.

Section 4. The Board of Directors shall be composed of three members. The Board of Directors shall consist of no fewer than three and no more than eight directors. No act of this society shall be void at any time merely because there are fewer than two directors in office.

Section 5. The Board of Directors may appoint an executive committee composed of a president, secretary and/or treasurer, and such other members as may be elected by the board at its annual organizational meeting or at any meeting by a majority of the members of the entire Board of Directors. The executive committee shall have and may exercise all of the powers of the Board of Directors when the board is not in session, except such powers, if any as the board may specifically reserve to itself, or as may be specifically assigned to any other committees or any officer of the Illinois Raptor Center. The executive committee shall adopt such rules and regulations as it may deem prudent for its management. The Board of Directors may provide for such other committees as the board deems desirable and may delegate to such committees such duties and powers from time to time as it shall deem necessary or desirable.

ARTICLE VI
Dissolution

Illinois Raptor Center may be dissolved at any time by the written consent of not less than two-thirds of the voting members. In the event of the dissolution, other than for the purpose of reorganization, whether voluntary or involuntary, or by operation of law, none of the property of the Illinois Raptor Center nor any proceeds thereof, nor any assets of Illinois Raptor Center shall be distributed to any members, but after payment of the debts, its property and assets shall be given to a nonprofit charitable organization for the benefit of wildlife selected by the Board of Directors

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purpose of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized as operated exclusively for charitable, educational or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501(C)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.