

## STATUTE

### Art. 1

It is constituted the Association called "Sparta - Animal Reserve No Profit Association".

### Art.2

The Association may provide for the opening of branch offices or new operational offices, however, aimed at knowledge development activities.

### Art.3

The Association Sparta - Riserva dell'Animalità, which is a non-profit organization, was founded with the desire to make a cultural, scientific, social and practical paradigm shift, from an animal knowledge that oppresses, to one that frees, starting from the fundamentals of ethology antispecist, where the coordinates of animality, subjectivity and animal cognition, become recognizable, enhanced, facilitated, acted and lived within the dimensions of coexistence of humans with (other) animals, but also for a new, more correct, understanding of natural phenomena, environmental and eco-ethological key antispecist, ensuring paths of study, experience and promotion, which facilitate a dialogue with the world, based on the development of free relationships and emancipated from beliefs, habits, pressures and expectations. A reality then that focuses on an awareness, an evolution of thought, but also and above all a contact with their own animality and animal logic that follows, as well as with important aspects of physical and mental well-being.

The Association is responsible for the implementation and management of activities, in collaboration with other social, cultural, scientific and associative, national and international, for a process of change in continuous evolution, network and on different fronts. The mission of the Association Sparta - Animality Reserve is to emphasize the concepts and practical aspects related to

- the meaning of animality (including human);
- the importance of recognition related to bio-naturalistic and bio-evolutionary phenomena related to animals;
- the thorough and authentic understanding of animal cognition and coordinates of social cognition;
- the appreciation of the importance of knowing and protecting an animal logic;
- establish a lifestyle and coexistence where there is a full involvement of the mental, physical and subjective sphere of each animal, including humans;

up to a protection of the environment in a modern anti-speciesist and not reformist.

Consider this knowledge and awareness in our relationship with other animals is a cultural change, as it brings a real paradigm shift, which also requires the

full understanding of the animal Otherness, looking at every coexistence and interaction, from the animal point of view.

A framework in which new values, new knowledge and a cutting-edge animal ethics not enslaved to exploitation, find their rightful place to:

- Promote and organize outdoor teaching activities, as part of a knowledge of natural phenomena and a dynamic and sustainable dialogue with nature;
- to assist with activities of facilitation, support and / or recovery, during paths of personal growth, also concerning other species besides the human one;
- provide support to school paths, mainly for high school and university students, to provide a different and more modern perspective on the biological, naturalistic, environmental and animal world, even within the disciplines of sociology, pedagogy, philosophy Human-Animal studies;
- to develop knowledge paths for the younger generation of professionals and volunteers, who want to develop a different understanding of living with (other) animals, nature and environment;
- Promote and organize professional education activities within the powers of the Region and those of preparation and support of the same, including through a critical contribution aimed, where necessary, to the radical change of education proposals within a more modern and anti-speciesist understanding of the animal world and natural phenomena;
- a cultural and social promotion, a professional enhancement and facilitation of the first steps of young people and adults within the animal dimension, the environment and the policies of radical change in nutrition and food models;
- a civic, social, ethical, cultural and professional promotion of young people and adults in their paths of inclusion, as marginalized groups or those at risk of marginalization, such as migrants and animals in difficulty or social marginality, in order to favor paths of anti-speciesist existence, not necessarily related to functions and roles as contributions to society;
- The understanding of the meaning of life-long learning;
- the promotion of a change in the understanding of the animal world, which abolishes the concepts of "harmful" or "problematic" and that also goes beyond thinking of animals as economic resources, healthy and personal growth, while also promoting a pedagogy with anti-speciesist cultural matrix;
- discover and rediscover, their animal body - to live with naturalness, authenticity development of well-being the meaning of their own Animality;
- to understand the dynamics of relationships in general, in particular through the socio-cognitive model (Francesco De Giorgio);
- promote, develop and continuing education of school personnel and cultural, technical and organizational operators on the subject of animality, ethology, anti-speciesism, nature and environment;
- to promote collaborations with public and private organizations, aimed at a modern research without animal testing;
- promote general and specific advice for the innovation of practices in the field of Animality.

The Director, may propose to the Board of Management membership of other bodies, organizations, local, national and international institutions that have

the same or similar institutional purposes. Can collaborate with the organization, associations, foundations, organizations and institutions as identified by art.37, paragraph 1 of the

L.r. 37/97, which are willing to join and collaborate in the implementation of its purposes.

The Association is lasting indefinitely unless it is dissolved by a majority of half plus one of the members. The associate hadiritto of recess to the senses of the art.24, 2° codicil of the Civil Code.

Heritage

Art.4

The patrimony is constituted:

- the members' share;
- contributions from private citizens and public bodies;
- any income that contributes to increasing the social assets.

Art.5

The financial year ends on December 31 every year.

Within the terms established by the following art.10, the Management Council will prepare the final balance and the budget for the following year.

Members

Art.6

May be members all those who, having submitted a written application for membership in which they declare to accept this statute in its entirety, are accepted as members by vote of the Assembly under Article 12 of this statute, and who will pay, upon admission, the membership fee established by the Board of Management.

The non-founding members, can be ordinary, if they pay annually the fee established by the Assembly, or supporters if they voluntarily wish to pay a higher fee than that provided for ordinary members.

All the associates have equal rights and equal duties, in particular all the associates greater of age, have the right to vote for the approval and the modifications of the Charter, of eventual internal regulations and for the nomination of the directive organs of the Association; it is expressly excluded the temporary nature of the participation to the associative life.

The membership fee is intransmissible with the exception of transfers due to death and it is not revaluable.

#### Art.7

The quality of member is lost by death, resignation, delinquency and unworthiness; delinquency will be declared by the Council; unworthiness will be sanctioned by the Assembly of members.

#### Administration

#### Art.8

The Association is administered by a Management Council composed of three to nine members, appointed by the Assembly of members.

The Director participates in the meetings of the Board of Management with an advisory vote and during the sessions acts as Secretary.

The Management Board elects the President of the Management Board in the person of the director who obtains the favourable vote of the majority of those present.

The Chairman appoints the Vice-Chairmen of the Management Board (maximum two). The Management Board appoints the Director.

The Board of Management appoints a councillor as Treasurer of the Association. The Management Board remains in office for two years.

The Council is invested with the widest powers for the ordinary and extraordinary management of the Association, without limitations.

It is up to the Management Board

- to establish the programmatic guidelines to which the study activities must be based;
- to implement the Association's education objectives;
- to ratify any hiring or firing of personnel;
- prepare the budget and the final balance sheet to be submitted to the Assembly;
- approve the internal organization regulations;
- determine the remuneration of consultants and external collaborators;

The members of the Management Board may not hold any other position in the Association's social bodies.

Participation in the meetings of the Management Board is free of charge.

#### Art.9

The President of the Management Board transmits to the Director, by means of a special proxy, the authorization to sign the acts relating to the teaching

activities. The Director is appointed by the Management Board for a two-year term of office, tacitly renewed in the absence of revocation or resignation to be presented at least 60 (sixty) days before the expiry date. The position of Director is configured as an external appointment to the corporate bodies.

The Director:

- Has managerial responsibility;
- Signs the acts that commit the Association towards third parties, within the limits established by the delegation received;
- Is responsible for implementing the decisions of the Management Board;
- Convoques the Management Board;
- Adopts, in case of necessity and urgency, decisions normally within the competence of the Management Board, with the obligation to ask for ratification in the meeting immediately following;
- Assigns tasks and functions to employees and external collaborators.
- He presents and illustrates to the Management Board an annual technical report and the budgets, supported by the Treasurer.

In case of impediment or resignation of the Director or of the members of the Management Board, they are replaced according to the procedures provided for their appointment.

Art.10

The Management Board normally meets once a month and is convened with five days' notice from the Director. The Management Board may also be convened by the President of the Management Board or at the request of at least three members of the Board itself.

Meetings are valid if a majority of the members are present.

Decisions are adopted with the favorable vote of the majority of those present.

The Board of Management decides on the final balance, the budget and the amortization of the social fee.

By 28 February of each year, the Management Board is convened to prepare the final balance sheet of the previous year to be submitted to the approval of the Assembly.

By September 30 of each year, the Management Board is convened to prepare the budget for the following year to be submitted to the approval of the Assembly.

The financial statements must be deposited at the Association's head office during the 15 (fifteen) days preceding the assembly convened for their approval, at the disposal of all those who have a justified interest in reading them.

It is forbidden to distribute, even indirectly, profits or surpluses as well as funds, reserves or capital during the life of the Association, unless the destination or distribution are not imposed by law. Any profit or surplus must be reinvested in favor of the institutional activities referred to in the corporate purpose.

Council meetings will be drawn up on a special book, the minutes, which will be signed by the President and Secretary.

#### Art.11

The President, and in his absence one of the Vice-Presidents, legally represents the Association towards third parties and in court, and takes care of the execution of the deliberations of the Assembly and the Council.

#### Assemblies

#### Art. 12

The members are called to the assembly by the Council at least twice a year by means of communication or by posting on the Association's notice board a notice containing the agenda, at least eight days before the day fixed for the meeting.

The assembly can also be convened upon request signed by at least one tenth of the members according to art.20 of the Civil Code.

The meeting may also be convened outside the registered office, provided that it is in Italy.

#### Art.13

The Assembly deliberates on the admission to membership, on the final balance sheet and budget, on the general guidelines and directives of the Association, on the appointment of members of the Board of Management, on amendments to the memorandum and articles of association and on everything else delegated to it by law or statute.

#### Art.14

Have the right to attend the meeting all members in good standing in the payment of the annual membership fee. The vote is single, members may be represented only by other members, by written proxy, even if members of the Board, except, in this case, for the approval of budgets and resolutions regarding the responsibilities of directors. Proxies may not be more than one per member.

#### Art.15

The assembly is chaired by the President of the Council, in the absence of a Vice-President; in the absence of both, the assembly shall appoint its own President. The Chairman of the Assembly shall appoint a secretary and, if he

deems it necessary, two scrutineers. It is up to the Chairman of the Meeting to ascertain the regularity of proxies and, in general, the right to attend the Meeting. Minutes of the meeting shall be drawn up and signed by the Chairman and the Secretary and, if necessary, by the scrutineers.

#### Art.16

The Assemblies are validly constituted and deliberate with the majorities provided for by art.21 of the Civil Code.

#### Books of the Association

#### Art.17

In addition to keeping the books prescribed by law, the association keeps the minute books of meetings and resolutions of the Assembly, the Board of Management, as well as the book of members of the Association.

#### Dissolution

#### Art.18

The dissolution of the Association is decided by the Assembly, which will appoint one or more liquidators and will decide on the devolution of assets.

In case of dissolution of the Association for any reason, the patrimony of the entity will be devolved to another Association with similar purposes or for purposes of public utility, after hearing the control body referred to in Article 3, paragraph 190, of Law 23 December 1996, n.662, and unless otherwise required by law.

#### Disputes

#### Art.19

Any disputes between members and between them and the Association or its Organs, will be submitted to the competence of three arbitrators to be appointed by the Assembly; they will judge *ex bono et aequo* without procedural formalities. Their decision will be final.