

# **ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION of the Upper Midwest Koi Club**

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## **I.**

On or about May 20<sup>th</sup> 2006 the undersigned individuals along with fourteen others met at Brookdale Library, Hennepin County, Minnesota and agreed on that date to freely associate together for the following purposes:

- A. To create, promote and support the hobby of keeping, breeding, appreciating and exhibiting Koi, a fresh water fish also known as Nishikigoi or Japanese fancy colored carp;
- B. To disseminate information about the hobby to the membership of this association and to the public;
- C. To engage in educational social activities related to the hobby and to acquire and own such property as may be necessary for any or all of the foregoing purposes;
- D. To pursue any other purposes which are not in violation of the United States Constitution or state law that, from time to time, shall be agreed to by the membership.

## **II.**

The name chosen for this association was the Upper Midwest Koi Club.

## **III.**

The governing document of this association is the Bylaws of the Upper Midwest Koi Club

## **IV.**

Membership in this association shall be open to any individual without regard to race, creed, national origin or sex who shall agree to so associate and who shall tender membership dues as specified in the governing document.

## **V.**

This association has continued from May 20<sup>th</sup> 2006 and shall continue to exist until dissolved in accordance with the dissolution procedures specified in the governing document at the time of such dissolution.

## **VI.**

At no time shall the assets of this association inure to the private benefit of any individual member of the association.

