

# State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

September 15, 1959.

WE, the undersigned Officers of

~~Newport County League for Animals~~ <sup>1929</sup>  
by Special Act of the General Assembly  
a corporation duly incorporated ~~under the laws~~ of the State of Rhode Island, January Session/

HEREBY CERTIFY, that at a legal meeting of said corporation, duly called for the purpose,  
and held in the ~~City and County~~ of ~~Newport~~

in said State, on the ~~11th~~ day of ~~September~~, A. D. 19~~59~~,

the following amendment (s) to the ~~Articles of Association~~ <sup>Charter</sup> was ~~(approved)~~ duly adopted by  
the affirmative vote of ~~nineteen~~ of its members, ~~nineteen~~

~~nineteen~~ being the unanimous vote of all those present in  
person and represented by proxy at said meeting out of a total of  
twenty-eight members of the corporation and a quorum for the trans-  
action of business and also more than the two-thirds vote required  
to amend the by-laws of the corporation and to amend its Charter  
as provided in Title 7, Chapter 6, Section 10, of the General Laws  
of Rhode Island 1956, viz:-

"VOTED: that the name of this corporation, Newport  
County League for Animals, a corporation created  
by Special Act of the General Assembly of the  
State of Rhode Island, passed at the January  
Session 1929, is hereby changed from Newport  
County League for Animals as set forth in its  
Charter to Robert Potter League for Animals  
and this corporation shall hereafter be for-  
ever known and designated by the name of Robert  
Potter League for Animals."

[CORPORATE SEAL]

ATTEST:

*Thomas M. Stock*

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE NEWPORT COUNTY LEAGUE  
FOR ANIMALS.

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Approved  
April 16, 1929.

*It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:*

**SECTION 1.** Virginia V. Potter, Mary A. Van Beuren and Emma O. Norman, together with such other persons as may be associated with them in conformity of this act, are hereby created a body corporate by the name of Newport County League for Animals, and as such shall, within the county of Newport, be entitled to all of the privileges as herein provided.

**SEC. 2.** Said league shall have power to make and establish by-laws, rules and regulations for the government and management of its affairs and to alter and repeal the same from time to time as it may deem expedient, provided, however, that such by-laws, rules and regulations be not inconsistent with the laws of this state or of the United States.

**SEC. 3.** Any officer or agent appointed by the league for such purposes may lawfully take charge of any abandoned, sick, lame, overworked or cruelly treated animal, and thereupon it shall be the duty of such officer or agent to give notice thereof to the owner or his agent, if known to him.

Upon taking charge of any animal as aforesaid, the officer or agent of the league may provide suitable care, food or shelter for such animal until the owner or agent shall take charge of the same, or until such animal is deemed to be in suitable condition to be delivered to the owner or his agent. The league shall have a lien upon such animal for the reasonable costs incurred in providing care, food and shelter for the same, and shall have the right to recover such costs from the owner by appropriate legal proceedings.

**SEC. 4.** Whenever complaint shall be made by any officer or agent of the league that any law of the state now or hereafter provided for the protection of dumb animals has been or is being violated within the county

of Newport, no security for such costs shall be required of such complainant and all fines collected upon or in consequence of any such complaint shall be paid into the treasury of the state of Rhode Island, as by law provided in other criminal proceedings.

SEC. 5. Any general agent or special agent appointed by this league for such purpose shall have the same power and authority to arrest within the county of Newport as any officer authorized to serve criminal process in relation to cruelty to animals. Any person who shall interfere with, or obstruct any of such agents in the discharge of their duty shall be guilty of obstructing an officer and be punished as provided in such cases by the laws of this state.

SEC. 6. The officers or agents of this league shall also have all the rights, privileges, power and authority to arrest and hold without warrant as are extended to any other person under the provisions of section 5 of chapter 141 of the general laws, or any act in amendment thereof or in addition thereto.

SEC. 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.