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Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries and North American Primate Sanctuary Alliance Announce Third Annual Animal Sanctuary Caregiver Day June 14, 2019

Animal Sanctuary Caregiver Day was founded in 2017 to recognize the important work of animal caregivers, the unsung heroes of animal sanctuaries and rescue centers worldwide.

(May 14, 2019) The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS) and North American Primate Sanctuary Alliance (NAPSA) announce the third annual Animal Sanctuary Caregiver Day, to be observed on June 14, 2019. GFAS and NAPSA established the day in 2017 to recognize and highlight the important work of animal caregivers – the caring and compassionate heroes - in animal sanctuaries, rescue centers, and wildlife rehabilitation centers worldwide.

"The lifesaving work of sanctuaries would never be possible without their amazing caregivers. NAPSA is happy to celebrate their contributions and dedication on this special day," said Erika Fleury, NAPSA's Program Director.

Sanctuaries, rescues and wildlife centers all over the world use their social media to celebrate the day and thank their hard working staff and volunteers. To share and celebrate the wonderful work of all caregivers, sanctuaries are again encouraged to recognize the day and tag their social media announcements with the hashtag #SanctuaryCaregiverDay. GFAS and NAPSA support many ways to observe the day including celebrating caregivers with recognition and rewards, appreciation parties, sponsoring rescued animals in caregivers' names and sharing information about caregivers on an organization's Instagram, Facebook page and other social media so that supporters can share in the celebrations.

"GFAS is excited to honor the service and compassion of the animal caregivers in our partner sanctuaries, rescues and rehabilitation centers who are providing the highest standard of humane care to all species around the world," said Lisa Avery, GFAS Executive Director. "We appreciate the wonderful work they do, every day, on behalf of the animals in their care."



About Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries:

Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the sole purpose of strengthening and supporting the work of animal sanctuaries, rescues, and rehabilitation centers worldwide. GFAS was founded in 2007 by animal protection leaders from a number of different organizations in response to virtually unchecked and often hidden exploitation of animals for human entertainment and financial profit. www.sanctuaryfederation.org.

About North American Primate Sanctuary Alliance:

The North American Primate Sanctuary Alliance (NAPSA) was founded in 2010 and is a coalition of nine of the leading primate sanctuaries on the continent who care for over 800 nonhuman primates rescued and retired from laboratory research, the entertainment industry, and private ownership. The alliance's mission is to advance and advocate for the welfare of captive primates and it encourages collaboration amongst all those who care for captive primates. NAPSA speaks with one unified, powerful voice on behalf of all of North America's primate population. www.primatesanctuaries.org