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# Little Longears Mini Donkey Rescue of Westminster, Maryland is Verified by Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries



July 2, 2019 (Westminster, MD) – The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Verified status to Little Longears Mini Donkey Rescue as of June 18, 2019.

Verification means that Little Longears Mini Donkey Rescue meets the criteria of a true equine sanctuary/rescue and is providing humane and responsible care of the animals. To be awarded Verified status, an organization must meet GFAS's rigorous and peer-reviewed animal care standards which are confirmed by a site visit and they must also adhere to a demanding set of ethical and operational principles. The Verification status also provides a clear

and trusted means for the public, donors and grantors to recognize Little Longears Mini Donkey Rescue as an exceptional organization.

"We are proud to announce the recent Verification of Little Longears Mini Donkey Rescue," said Valerie Taylor, GFAS Program Director-Equine. "The personnel at Little Longears have a very thorough understanding of, and experience in equine care-the donkeys benefit greatly from the responsible rehabilitation, retraining, and adoption programs provided for them. The organization's Founders seem to continually keep an eye focused on the future as well, strategizing and planning initiatives to increase program capacity and ensure organizational sustainability, all for the advantage of the animals in their care."

"Little Longears is thrilled to be verified by GFAS," said Valerie Lowe, Executive Director, Little Longears Mini Donkey Rescue. "This is an important step towards significant credibility for our donkey rescue."

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### 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. The goal of GFAS in working with and assisting these animal care facilities is to ensure they are supported, honored, recognized and rewarded for meeting important criteria in providing care to the animals in residence. 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. The GFAS Board of Directors guides the organization's work in a collaborative manner. While the board includes those in top leadership at The Humane Society of the United States, International Fund for Animal Welfare, and American Anti-Vivisection Society, all board members serve as individuals dedicated to animal sanctuaries. [www.sanctuaryfederation.org](http://www.sanctuaryfederation.org).



### **About Little Longears Mini Donkey Rescue**

Little Longears Miniature Donkey Rescue is dedicated to the rescue, care, and safe sanctuary, when needed, of neglected, abused, or otherwise unwanted donkeys. The organization also provides a safe haven for owners to surrender their donkeys to, in the event that they are no longer able to care for them. For more information, visit <https://www.littlelongears.org>

### **About the ASPCA®**

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