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# Carolina Tiger Rescue is Accredited by Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries



July 23, 2019 (Pittsboro, NC) – The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Accredited status to Carolina Tiger Rescue as of July 17, 2019. Carolina Tiger Rescue provides lifelong care to rescued wild cats in a forested, 55-acre sanctuary in North Carolina.

Achieving GFAS Accreditation means that Carolina Tiger Rescue meets the criteria of a true sanctuary and is providing humane and responsible care of the animals. To be awarded Accreditation status, an organization must meet GFAS's rigorous and peer-reviewed animal care standards and also adhere to a demanding set of ethical and operational principles. The accreditation status provides a clear and trusted means for the public, donors and grantors to recognize Carolina Tiger Rescue as an exceptional sanctuary.

"We are proud to announce the recent Accreditation of Carolina Tiger Rescue," said Kristin Leppert, GFAS Program Director-Wildlife. "This sanctuary has a highly dedicated staff and volunteer team" says Leppert, "and it is wonderful to see the animals living comfortable lives free from exploitation." Along with rescuing animals from across the country, Carolina Tiger Rescue prioritizes education and advocacy. Their message to the public is clear, to protect wild cats avoid cub encounters, facilities that breed wild animals and advocate for laws that ban people from privately owning wild cats. "Carolina Tiger Rescue has a 45-year history of caring for and protecting wild cats. We are excited to add this new chapter as a GFAS-accredited sanctuary and to continue to expand services to benefit wild cats in captivity and in the wild," said Pam Fulk, executive director of Carolina Tiger Rescue.

### 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 Carolina Tiger Rescue

Carolina Tiger Rescue is a 501(c)3 federally-accredited nonprofit wildlife sanctuary dedicated to saving and protecting wild cats in captivity and in the wild. Through rescue, education, and advocacy we work toward a day when all wild cats prosper in sustainable native habitats. For more information, visit [carolinatigerrescue.org](http://carolinatigerrescue.org).