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Piedmont Farm Animal Refuge of Pittsboro, North Carolina is Accredited by Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries



August 28, 2018 (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 Piedmont Farm Animal Refuge as of August 20, 2019.

Accreditation signifies that Piedmont Farm Animal Refuge meets GFAS's rigorous and peer-reviewed animal care standards which are confirmed by a comprehensive site visit. Accreditation also signifies adherence to standards addressing the sustainability of the organization, ethical principles, finances, staffing, education outreach, security and safety and other operational aspects.

"We are proud to announce the Accreditation of Piedmont Farm Animal Refuge," said Valerie Taylor, GFAS Program Director. "The Refuge's founders, Board of Directors and volunteers ensure that the highest level of humane and responsible care is provided to each animal residing at the sanctuary. In addition, the sanctuary's efforts to educate the public regarding welfare issues affecting farmed animals has a broader impact, helping to advance the entire field of farmed animal rescue and veganism, while growing greater empathy and compassion for all."

"We are honored and excited to receive Accreditation through GFAS, positioning us as the first accredited farmed animal sanctuary in the state of North Carolina," said Lenore Bradford, Piedmont Farm Animal Refuge Executive Director. "We are extremely grateful to our strong and talented Board of Directors and our devoted community of volunteers and supporters, without whom our work would not be possible. We hope to continue to be resource to other individuals and groups who are passionate about farmed animal rescue, veganism, and the creation of a more compassionate world."

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.



About Piedmont Farm Animal Refuge

Piedmont Farm Animal Refuge (the Refuge) is a sanctuary for farmed animals who are rescued from abuse, neglect and abandonment. Located in central North Carolina, the Refuge is home to over 100 goats, sheep, chickens, turkeys, ducks, and geese who are provided with high quality healthcare, daily enrichment, and animal-centered homes. The Refuge offers weekly guided tours, vegan cooking classes, summer camps, and other educational programs designed to inspire a compassionate vegan lifestyle. Learn more at www.piedmontrefuge.org