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# Freedom Hill Horse Rescue of Owings, Maryland is Verified by Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries



December 27, 2019 (Owings, MD) – The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Verified status to Freedom Hill Horse Rescue as of December 20, 2019.

Verification means that Freedom Hill Horse 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 Freedom Hill Horse Rescue as an exceptional organization.

"We are proud to announce the recent Verification of Freedom Hill Horse Rescue," said Daryl Tropea Ph.D., GFAS Program Director-Equine. "Freedom Hill conducts outstanding rehabilitation, retraining, and successful re-homing programs, all to the benefit of the horses. The organization's Board Members, and volunteers are tremendously dedicated and involved in a hands-on way, ensuring both responsible and humane equine care and organizational growth and sustainability."

"For 15 years, Freedom Hill Horse Rescue has maintained the absolute best care possible of all the horses that come to us, shared our equine knowledge with our volunteers and the public in the hope that quality care is given to all horses, and has always exhibited transparency of our operations," said Lori Harrington, President of Freedom Hill Horse Rescue. "To be recognized and verified by such an esteemed organization as The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries on our 15 year anniversary, is a dream come true. It is truly an honor to join a group of organizations that share our commitment to the high standards of equine care, our goal to provide a safe and happy environment for them and our true love of helping horses and people."

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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 Freedom Hill Horse Rescue**

Freedom Hill Horse Rescue is a public non-profit 501(c)(3) organization committed to saving neglected, abused and unwanted horses that are typically difficult to adopt. These horses are often older, sustained injuries, or developed chronic disease. Because most cannot be ridden or medical treatment is beyond the reach of many people, these gentle souls often find themselves at auction or on a trailer to the slaughterhouse. It doesn't have to be this way. Older, injured, and well-managed horses still have a lot of love to give and deserve to live a life with dignity and compassion. These horses, after rehabilitation and healing, often become amazing healers themselves to the people they encounter. For more information, visit [www.freedomhillhorserescue.com](http://www.freedomhillhorserescue.com).