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Equine Welfare Network of Vero Beach, Florida is Verified by Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries



August 17, 2020 (Vero Beach, FL) – The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Verified status to Equine Welfare Network as of August 12, 2020.

Verification means that Equine Welfare Network 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 Equine Welfare Network as an exceptional organization.

"We are proud to announce the recent Verification of Equine Welfare Network," said Daryl Tropea, PH.D., GFAS Program Director-Equine. "Although a relatively new organization, Equine Welfare Network looked to GFAS standards for guidance from the beginning so they could truly develop a model equine rescue and sanctuary organization of excellence. Also, this organization offers many resources to horse owners in their community including education on care and nutrition. They are committed to collaborating with equine organization throughout the state. This dedication and professionalism are the mark of an organization that genuinely wants to make a difference in lives of equines in Florida."

Cami Kanner, Equine Welfare Network Inc. Founder and Executive Director, said it is of utmost importance to establish a uniform standard of care at sanctuaries, rescue centers, and rehabilitation centers throughout the world. "We are both honored and excited to be a part of the GFAS family. Their support and commitment helped our organization improve our quality of care, management, and governance on all levels. We are proud to operate our organization in accordance with the GFAS Standards of Excellence," Kanner said.

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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.

About Equine Welfare Network.

Equine Welfare Network Inc. is a group of professionals, equine organizations and volunteers working together to promote and ensure a standard of care for horses throughout our communities. Our primary focus is advocacy, awareness and education. We are dedicated to equine welfare. Our mission is to develop a network of resources throughout our communities to assist struggling owners and their horses. We also strive to compliment the efforts of our local law enforcement agencies and animal rescue groups. By uniting our efforts, we hope to raise awareness and address challenges in our equine communities. For more information, please visit, <https://equinewelfarenetwork.org>.