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# River's Wish Animal Sanctuary in Spokane, Washington is Now Accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries



February 2, 2021 (Spokane, WA) – The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Accredited status to River's Wish Animal Sanctuary as of January 29, 2021.

River's Wish Animal Sanctuary first achieved Verification status by GFAS July 27, 2020, meeting criteria for providing humane and responsible care to animals. With dedication and commitment to demonstrating high levels of professionalism, River's Wish Animal

Sanctuary has now achieved Accredited status. Accreditation signifies that River's Wish Animal Sanctuary meets GFAS's rigorous and peer-reviewed farmed animal care standards that are confirmed by a site visit and has also demonstrated adherence to standards addressing the sustainability of the organization, ethical principles, finances, staffing, education outreach, security, safety, and other operational aspects. The Accreditation status also provides a clear and trusted means for the public, donors, and grantors to recognize River's Wish Animal Sanctuary as an exceptional organization.

"We are excited to announce the recent Accreditation of River's Wish Animal Sanctuary," said Daryl Tropea, Ph.D., GFAS Program Director. "We are always encouraged by organizations that complete the Verification process and then, with determination, continue on to meet the requirements of Accreditation. This is clearly the mark of an organization that is committed to best practices and dedicated to providing the highest quality of care for their 140 resident animals which include rabbits, equines, cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, birds, dogs, and cats."

"We are so honored to be recognized as an accredited organization by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries," said Kit Jagoda, Executive Director of River's Wish Animal Sanctuary. "It is not uncommon for farmed animals to receive minimal regard or protection, making GFAS even more vital in establishing and maintaining policies and standards of care. Our dedicated and compassionate volunteer community works hard to ensure the well-being of the animals and to provide them with a loving environment. We are committed to long term sustainability while meeting our mission of saving lives through rescue, education and advocacy. Working with the GFAS has been and will continue to be a central guiding factor for growth and sustainability."

### 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 River's Wish Animal Sanctuary**

The mission of River's Wish Animal Sanctuary is to save lives through rescue, education and advocacy. River's Wish provides refuge to animals in need through rescue, rehabilitation, adoption, and lifelong sanctuary. We offer Sanctuary Based Education through Art and Animal workshops, Garden to Table workshops, Compassion for Animals and Compassionate Living workshops. We are House Rabbit Society educators. River's Wish is home to equines, bovines, sheep, goats, pigs, rabbits, dogs, cats, chickens, turkeys, geese and ducks. River's Wish is located in Eastern Washington on 65 acres adjacent to Riverside State Park and has been involved in rescue and sanctuary since 1994. For more information, please visit, [www.riverswishanimalsanctuary.org](http://www.riverswishanimalsanctuary.org).