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# Oscar's Place Donkey Adoption Center and Sanctuary in Hopland, California is Verified by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries



August 3, 2021 (Hopland, CA) – The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Verified status to Oscar's Place Donkey Adoption Center and Sanctuary as of August 1, 2021.

Verification means that Oscar's Place Donkey Adoption Center and Sanctuary 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 Oscar's Place as an exceptional organization.

"We are proud to announce the recent Verification of Oscar's Place Donkey Adoption Center and Sanctuary," said Daryl Tropea Ph.D., GFAS Program Director-Equine.

"Although this is a new organization, it is a very promising organization, providing adoption and sanctuary for donkeys in need. From their beginning, this organization has evolved based on best practices of animal care, management, and governance. An important part of their advocacy work will be to bring attention to the plight of donkeys around the world whose numbers are declining due to the demand for their hides in traditional Chinese medicine. We expect Oscar's Place to have a significant impact on the welfare of donkeys for years to come."

"I am committed to doing everything in my power to help these donkeys," said Ron King, Executive Director of Oscar's Place. "I was advised early on that accreditation from GFAS would provide us the resources and validation needed to accelerate our work."

The GFAS Equine Accreditation Program is made possible by a generous grant from The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals® and the Kenneth Scott Charitable Trust.

### 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 Oscar's Place Donkey Adoption Center and Sanctuary**

Oscar's Place is committed to the rescue, rehabilitation, and rehoming of donkeys. When an animal suffers because humans are unkind, Oscar's Place steps in. While we're just a team of everyday individuals, we deeply care for and are committed to providing a safe haven for farm animals in need. Our current focus is on donkeys because the world's donkey population is being decimated. Not by disease, global warming, or predators. But because there is a high demand for donkey hides in the creation of a traditional Chinese medicine. Donkeys are some of the most loving and trusting creatures on Earth. They deserve better than to be abused, crowded into horrifying transport containers, and shipped off to slaughter factories. We love animals, and quite frankly, we need to team up with other people who also care about what happens to these beautiful creatures. Again, we're not special, but our team consists of caring employees, volunteers, veterinarians, and farriers – all with a singular objective: to help donkeys recover physically, mentally, and emotionally. Every person on-site is committed to hands-on interaction with every donkey, every day. Loving them. Calming them. Healing them. We want to show them that humans can be good. To learn more, please visit <https://www.oscarsplace.org>.