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## Bluemont Equine Rescue and Sanctuary in Colts Neck, New Jersey is Accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries



May 18, 2022 (Colts Neck, NJ) - The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Accredited status to Bluemont Equine Rescue and Sanctuary as of April 29, 2022.

Accreditation signifies that Bluemont Sanctuary 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. The Accreditation

status also provides a clear and trusted means for the public, donors, and grantors to recognize Bluemont Sanctuary as an exceptional organization.

"We are very proud to announce the Accreditation of Bluemont Equine Rescue and Sanctuary," said Daryl Tropea, Ph.D., GFAS Program Director. "Although this is a young organization, they are clearly committed to providing equine care best practices and non-profit management. Bluemont Sanctuary is dedicated to providing lifelong care for equines of all breeds, most of whom have medical issues that may impact daily care management, but not the quality of their lives. In addition to managing their Sanctuary, they network almost daily with other rescue organizations to help place at risk equines who don't need sanctuary, into loving new homes. Also, Bluemont provides temporary foster services for other local rescue organizations if they are short on space."

"Bluemont Equine Sanctuary is very excited to announce our recent accreditation by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries," said Lesley Luckhardt, cofounder of Bluemont Sanctuary. "It's such an honor to be recognized by this amazing organization whose commitment to animal welfare is both humbling and inspiring. The GFAS has rigorous accreditation standards that include transparency, excellent care and a focus on safety for both the animals and their human caregivers."

She continued, "Our sanctuary is a refuge for horses, donkeys, and ponies from various backgrounds. So many of our equines have experienced severe trauma and it is our mission to help heal their shattered hearts with patience and love. When our horses find their power, sense of self, and gain back their dignity we are encouraged to do the same through this life altering work. The GFAS accreditation is such an important milestone for our sanctuary, and we look forward to a wonderful partnership with their organization moving forward."

### **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 Bluemont Equine Rescue and Sanctuary**

Bluemont Sanctuary provides a safe place for discarded horses to have a second chance at life, a peaceful retirement, a place to heal and be loved, or for some, a soft landing to live out the final days in peace. In addition to the animals living at our sanctuary, Lesley works with other local rescue groups to help rehome abandoned or horses in risk of slaughter. Bluemont Sanctuary has three main goals: 1) Save equines from bad situations: This means from slaughter and kill pens but also abuse cases and equines that no longer have a viable home and hopefully we intercept before they end up in a slaughter pipeline. 2) Provide a wonderful - enriching and permanent residence to the animals we rescue for the rest of their life, however long that may be 3) Educate : this means making the best effort to help people understand that a equine is no different than a dog or a cat and should be a companion you take care of for life not till they can no longer be ridden or considered useful by the show, race and work world.

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