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# Hasty's Haven in Liberty, South Carolina is Verified by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries



June 2, 2022 (Liberty, SC) – The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Verified status to Hasty's Haven as of May 23, 2022.

Verification means that Hasty's Haven 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 Hasty's Haven as an exceptional organization.

"We are proud to announce the recent Verification of Hasty's Haven," said Daryl Tropea Ph.D., GFAS Program Director-Equine. "Although this is a new nonprofit organization established in 2020, it is a very promising organization that provides essential services for their community and beyond. Joann and her team of volunteers, specialize in caring for orphan foals plus local equines of all ages, that have suffered neglect or abandonment. From the beginning, Hasty's Haven was committed to structure their new organization based on best practices of animal care, management, and governance. Future plans include support and education programs to help people recharge and reconnect by bonding with animals."

"We are excited to have achieved the first step of being credentialed towards accreditation with GFAS which is the gold standard for Animal rescues and Sanctuaries!", said Joann Kelly, Executive Director of Hasty's Haven. "It is an honor to work with GFAS whose commitment to animal welfare requires transparency, high standards of care and safety, are those to which we strive to achieve and surpass."

She continued, "Hasty's Haven is a refuge for abused, neglected and abandoned equines to find compassion, love and healing. The greatest blessing in this work is watching the light come back in their eyes, their trust grows knowing they are safe. My three daughter's and I work tirelessly along with our volunteers, amazing vet and farrier to help every horse that crosses our path to heal and when possible, find their forever families. It takes a village, and we are blessed to add GFAS to our village."

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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 Hasty's Haven**

Hasty's Haven Inc. is an all-volunteer 501c3 non-profit organization dedicated to saving the lives of horses, yearlings and foals that were bound for slaughter, victims of starvation, neglect, abandonment and abuse. To date, Hasty's Haven Inc. has helped many Nurse Mare Foals as well as adult horses using our own funds and small donations from friends. We've dedicated the past several years to helping change the lives of horses who were bound for grave endings and with your help and support, we can do more.

For more information, please visit [www.hastyshaven.org](http://www.hastyshaven.org).