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# Penny Lane Foal Rescue in Rio Rancho, New Mexico is Verified by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries



August 2, 2022 (Rio Rancho, NM) – The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Verified status to Penny Lane Foal Rescue as of July 22, 2022.

Verification means that Penny Lane Foal Rescue 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 Penny Lane Foal Rescue as an exceptional organization.

"We are very proud to announce the recent Verification of Penny Lane Foal Rescue," said Daryl Tropea, Ph.D., GFAS Program Director-Equine. "This organization provides a unique and vital service for orphaned and abandoned foals. Most foals are only days or weeks old when they arrive, but immediately receive the medical care and socialization needed to ensure they grow into happy and healthy adult horses. Penny Lane Foal Rescue's expertise extends beyond their ranch, helping foals throughout the state of New Mexico, providing rescue kits of milk replacer, foal feed and more. Their commitment to organizational best practices and partnering with other community services promises years of future success helping these young animals."

"The encouragement and technical support Penny Lane Foal Rescue received from GFAS strengthened our passion and resolve to develop sustainable operational systems for rescuing and rehabilitating medically fragile orphaned foals, as well as providing comprehensive assistance to our community of orphaned foal caretakers, enabling these most vulnerable little ones to thrive for many years to come," said Shani Silver, President and Founder of Penny Lane Foal Rescue.

She continued, "The GFAS verification process compelled Penny Lane Foal Rescue to objectively reflect on our current operations, as well as examine our challenges for stability, sustainability, and succession planning. The requirements for meeting GFAS verification empowered us to collaborate, problem-solve, and develop working solution matrices for increasing our resiliency and long-term capacity to provide critically essential services for orphaned foals."

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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 Penny Lane Foal Rescue**

Penny Lane Foal Rescue is committed to rescuing and rehabilitating medically fragile orphaned foals throughout New Mexico and on the Navajo Nation, providing intensive socialization and foundation skills, and placing them into their loving, forever homes." (short mission statement) We specialize in medically fragile orphaned Mustangs culled out following the round ups.

We are a community resource for caretakers of orphaned foals, providing education, support, and financial assistance to help these most vulnerable little ones to thrive.

We train our community's youth as Horse Leaders and work with volunteers to assist with rehabilitating, socializing, and providing foundation skills for our orphaned foals in preparation for adoption into their forever, loving homes.

For more information, please visit [Penny Lane Foal Rescue, Rio Rancho, youth lessons, horse rescue \(pennylanefoals.com\)](http://pennylanefoals.com)