

# Freeman Arabian Ranch & Rescue of Meriden, Kansas is Verified by Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries



December 22, 2017, (Meriden, KS) – The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Verified status to Freeman Arabian Ranch & Rescue as of December 21, 2017.

Verification means that Freeman Arabian Ranch & 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 Freeman Arabian Ranch & Rescue as an exceptional organization.

“We are proud to announce the recent Verification of Freeman Arabian Ranch & Rescue,” said Valerie Taylor, GFAS Program Director-Equine. “The commitment of the group’s founders, Board, and volunteers, to providing exceptional sanctuary care to horses and their promotion of safety net programs for equines and owners within the community, provides great benefit to the animals residing in their care and beyond.”

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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 Freeman Arabian Ranch & Rescue**

Freeman Arabian Ranch & Rescue is a primarily self-funded, 100% volunteer and donation based, 501c3 non-profit forever animal rescue/sanctuary located on thirty-nine acres north of Topeka, Kansas. Those who come into our care become permanent members of our rescue family and live out their lives with us never knowing hunger, neglect, cruelty, fear or abandonment ever again. We offer community assistance and also transport, foster and collaborate with other rescues as well as advocate for new and improved animal protection legislation as a way of improving the



lives of more animals than we can possibly provide lifetime care for ourselves. For more information, visit <http://www.freemanarabianranch.com/> or call 785-250-4314.

#### **About the ASPCA®**

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