

Rosemary Farm Sanctuary, Inc. of South Kortright, New York is Verified by Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries



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October 24, 2018 (South Kortright, NY) – The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Verified status to Rosemary Farm Sanctuary, Inc. as of October 24, 2018.

Verification means that Rosemary Farm Sanctuary, Inc. 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 Rosemary Farm Sanctuary, Inc. as an exceptional organization.

“We are proud to announce the recent Verification of Rosemary Farm Sanctuary, Inc.,” said Valerie Taylor, GFAS Program Director-Equine. “Located on beautiful, enriching property, Rosemary Farm provides high quality lifetime sanctuary care to equines-in-need, in addition to facilitating equine adoptions. The organization has also put solid business and fundraising practices in place, and is poised for tremendous growth, which will benefit an increased number of equines.”

“Rosemary Farm Sanctuary grew out of a need in our area for such a place, and what began as a heartfelt response to allow horses to just ‘be’, has grown into one of the largest equine sanctuaries in NYS,” said Dawn Robyn, Executive Director and Founder of Rosemary Farm Sanctuary, Inc. “Along the way, we have been guided by many experienced rescuers who have helped us evolve our mission and it’s execution. Our aim all along has been to represent quality care, share that with potential adopters and other horse owners, and to be proud of the full lives of our equines. Achieving GFAS Verification has been a goal we have aspired to for years, and are very proud to be included in the ranks of such other sanctuaries. We are humbled and excited for our future, as we all continue to evolve and learn and improve our homes for the horses who need us, and to share it with others.”

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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.

About Rosemary Farm Sanctuary, Inc.

At Rosemary Farm Sanctuary, our mission is to rescue horses in need, and protect them for life. We save equines from slaughter, neglect, and abuse. Most have been passed from owner to owner, never knowing a herd or consistency. When they arrive here, they are home. We make care decisions based on what is best for each horse and the sanctuary family. Our horses live in dynamic natural environments, in herd groups, creating vital bonds that are honored and protected. In addition, we educate horse owners and the general public about the wretched conditions many horses suffer, and how they can improve both the physical and emotional guardianship of horses. Rosemary Farm is 'Where horses get to be horses'. For more information, visit <http://rosemaryfarm.org/>.

About the ASPCA®

Founded in 1866, the ASPCA® (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) is the first humane organization established in the Americas and serves as the nation's leading voice for animal welfare. One million supporters strong, the ASPCA's mission is to provide effective means for the prevention of cruelty to animals throughout the United States. As a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation, the ASPCA is a national leader in the areas of anti-cruelty, community outreach and animal health services. The ASPCA, which is headquartered in New York City, offers a wide range of programs, including a mobile clinic outreach initiative, its own humane law enforcement team, and a groundbreaking veterinary forensics team and mobile animal CSI unit. For more information, please visit www.aspca.org. To become a fan of the ASPCA on Facebook, go to <http://www.facebook.com/aspca>. To follow the ASPCA on Twitter, go to <http://www.twitter.com/aspca>.