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New England Equine Rescue - North, Inc. of West Newbury, Massachusetts is Accredited by Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries



August 30, 2019, (West Newbury, MA) - The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Accredited status to New England Equine Rescue - North, Inc. as of August 23, 2019.

Accreditation signifies that New England Equine Rescue - North, Inc. (NEER-North) meets GFAS's rigorous and peer-reviewed equine 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.

"We are proud to announce the Accreditation of New England Equine Rescue - North," said Valerie Taylor, GFAS Program Director-Equine. "The rescue employs commendable best practices when undertaking care, rehabilitation, and training for the equines, enabling the animals to then be placed in permanent, adoptive homes. In addition, NEER-North is run by a dedicated base of Board members and key volunteers who have a thorough background in, and understanding of, solid non-profit business practices, which has helped to provide a stable and sustainable footing for the rescue to operate on and increase capacity in a responsible fashion."

"We at NEER-North are so incredibly proud to be Accredited by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries," said Mary Martin, NEER-North Executive Director. "The process of Accreditation helped us to create a framework for our goals but also validated the great work we have been doing on behalf of our equines for the last 11 years. With their support, we hope to raise awareness for our mission and continue to build out our programs to help even more equines year to year."

The GFAS Equine Accreditation Program is made possible by a generous grant from The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals® and the Kenneth Scott Charitable Trust.

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 New England Equine Rescue - North, Inc.

NEER-North opened its doors in April 2008 and since that first rescue NEER-North has provided safe-haven, feed, medical care, love, and permanent adoptive homes for over 150 horses, ponies, donkeys and mules. NEER-North collaborates with well-respected equine rescue organizations, animal hospitals, veterinarians, certified farriers and other community organizations to help equines in crisis, from owner surrenders, those who are victims of abuse and neglect, and horses at risk for entering high kill auctions. NEER-North also offers feed and professional care assistance to horse owners unable to care for their equines due to financial hardship, and facilitation of owner-to-owner adoptions that keep the animal out of the rescue system. Relying on volunteers, NEER-North continues to be a voice for the neglected, the abandoned and the endangered equine population in New England. Learn more at <https://neernorth.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>.