

Skydog Sanctuary of Prineville, Oregon is Accredited by Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries



August 29, 2019, (Prineville, OR) - The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Accredited status to Skydog Sanctuary as of August 22, 2019.

Accreditation signifies that Skydog Sanctuary 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 Skydog Sanctuary," said Valerie Taylor, GFAS Program Director-Equine. "The sanctuary undertakes an enormous amount of work to educate and advocate on issues surrounding wild mustangs and burros, to help highlight the plight of these animals, then collaborating with agencies and others to find and implement solutions which fit their unique needs. In addition, Skydog Sanctuary takes in and provides exemplary care for wild mustangs and burros who have been victims of abuse and neglect or are at-risk of slaughter, allowing the equines to happily live out their lives, with their family groupings."

"The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries is absolutely the Gold Standard accreditation for any animal sanctuary, and gives the public a way to identify a well-run, well organized, well-funded and inspected sanctuary to help them feel safe about where their donation is going," said Clare Staples, Skydog Sanctuary Executive Director. "The process of attaining this certification is rigorous and extensive and so it should be - we feel so proud to be a part of the GFAS family and are grateful that such an organization exists for the welfare of all sanctuary animals."

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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 Skydog Sanctuary

Skydog Sanctuary rescues at risk wild mustangs and burros from across America and gives them back their health, safety and freedom. We take in wild horses and burros who have been abused, neglected, starved or are already in the slaughter pipeline as well as reunite wild families who were separated during BLM roundups. The other part of our mission is to raise awareness and educate people about wild horse and slaughter issues. Learn more at <https://www.skydogranch.org/>

About the ASPCA®

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