

Tucson Wildlife Center in Arizona is Accredited by Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries



December 23, 2019 (Tucson, AZ) - The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Accredited status to Tucson Wildlife Center as of December 16, 2019.

Accreditation signifies that Tucson Wildlife Center meets GFAS's rigorous and peer-reviewed animal 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 transition from Verified to Accredited status of Tucson Wildlife Center," said Kristin Leppert, Wildlife Program Director. Whether it's a coyote hit by a car and brought to the 24-hour hospital, an abandoned juvenile raccoon nurtured by animal care volunteers or non-releasable birds of prey living peacefully in sanctuary, Tucson Wildlife Center expertly cares for them all. This group's impressive growth stems from their dedicated vision, community impact and commitment to long term sustainability. A commitment that will long serve native wildlife in the region as well as the larger community that dearly values their presence.

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 Tucson Wildlife Center

Tucson Wildlife Center was established in 1998 by Lisa Bates and Peter Lininger. Services provided by Tucson Wildlife Center include an emergency helpline operating 24/7, capture and transportation of injured animals, a 24-hour emergency room, fulltime staff veterinarians on call 24/7, rehabilitation, release and education. Tucson Wildlife Center works with specialty veterinarians, 180 volunteers and staff in aiding more than 4,000 wild animals a year. Tucson Wildlife Center specializes in the treatment and release of animals such as javelina, bobcats, coyotes, raccoons and other small mammals, birds of prey and songbirds. All services are provided free to the public. For more information, visit www.tucsonwildlife.com.