

GFAS Peer to Peer Policies and Guidelines

GFAS Peer to Peer, a program provided by Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), was created to foster a global community of animal sanctuaries, rescues, and rehabilitation centers and the sharing of information through discussion forums and a document library (the Peer to Peer Platform).

Individuals who register and are accepted as members of the Peer to Peer Platform (Members) are expected to adhere to the following Policies and Guidelines:

1. Treat all Members with respect.

The Peer to Peer Platform is a place for individuals from sanctuaries and rescue centers in different countries and cultures to meet, ask questions, and share information about their work. While we all share common goals – to help animals – we may express ourselves differently. Take care to be considerate in comments to other Members. Personal attacks against other Members will not be allowed.

2. Guidelines regarding the context of forum posts:

While we welcome a range of discussions and ideas, GFAS reserves the right to remove posts that do not meet these Guidelines. Such posts include:

- “Spam” messages and messages or content that is unrelated to the topics in the Forums and Document folders.
- Advertising messages, other than information about a Member organization’s own services and the materials used by its facility.
- Messages that make threats or use other combative language.
- The sharing of information that infringes the copyright, trademark, or other intellectual property rights of others.
- The sharing of any image or content that is sexually explicit, obscene, threatening, derogatory, defamatory, racially or ethnically offensive, contains profanity, or depicts illegal activity or which provides links to sites that contain any of the aforementioned.

3. Noncompliance with these Policies and Guidelines

Failure to comply with these Policies and Guidelines may result in GFAS, in its sole discretion, taking any or all of the following actions:

- Removing any material or postings deemed offensive or otherwise inappropriate.
- Issuing a warning.
- Temporarily or permanently banning any Member’s use of the Peer to Peer Platform.
- Any other action deemed appropriate.

4. General Terms

- GFAS as provider of the Peer to Peer Platform is not responsible for any Member-generated content. Content submitted expresses the views of its author only.

- Members using the Peer to Peer Platform are entirely responsible for the content they share and any harm resulting from it.
- Requests for content to be removed or modified will be undertaken only at GFAS' discretion. GFAS may terminate a Member's access to all or any part of the Peer to Peer Platform at any time, with or without cause, with or without notice.
- Members are granting GFAS a non-exclusive, permanent, irrevocable, unlimited license to use, publish, or re-publish their content in connection with the Peer to Peer Platform. You retain copyright over the Content.
- These terms may be changed at any time without notice.

Use of the Peer to Peer Platform constitutes acceptance of these Policies and Guidelines. If you wish to close your account, please contact us at contact@sanctuaryfederation.org.