



## Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS) Policy on Organizational Updates

Although GFAS certification status is for three years, it is important to keep us up to date with any major organizational changes throughout this period. Please note that the reporting of an update or an occurrence such as an incident or accident to GFAS by a sanctuary facility does not take the place of reporting such to appropriate and required legal and/or governmental authorities. Please notify GFAS in the event of any of the following:

- There are updates to the organizational contact information (e.g. email, mailing address, phone number).
- There is a change in the position of the CEO/Executive Director or Sanctuary Director (vacancies or new hire).
- The facility has made a determination to move to a different location.
- Significant facility damage that impacts facility functions (e.g. fire, natural disaster) has occurred.
- The organization has been named in a lawsuit or other proceeding by one of its current or former staff, volunteers, interns, Board members or by the general public regarding a matter related to GFAS standards.
- A staff member, volunteer, or other person on facility grounds has suffered death or serious injury as a result of accident, animal escape, or other animal-inflicted injury.
- Animal escapes from sanctuary property and is not able to be recaptured.
- There has been a serious disease outbreak among the sanctuary animals, which has resulted in animal deaths.
- The facility has been cited by a national, state/province, or local authority for non-compliance with legal or regulatory requirements (for example, has been issued violations for noncompliance by the USDA in the United States).
- The facility's license to operate (including any state/province or local licenses, and a USDA exhibitor license in the United States) has been revoked, or an attempt to renew such a license has been denied.
- Nonprofit status has been revoked.
- Some other event or circumstance makes the facility noncompliant with GFAS standards

We appreciate your consideration in disclosing this information in a timely manner.