

Elegius Mini Equine Sanctuary Attains GFAS Accreditation



October 18, 2024 (McDowell, VA) – The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Accreditation status to Elegius Mini Equine Sanctuary as of October 8, 2024.

Elegius Mini Equine Sanctuary achieved GFAS Accreditation, meeting criteria for providing humane and responsible care to equines. With dedication and commitment to demonstrating high levels of professionalism, Elegius has achieved GFAS Accreditation. This certification signifies that Elegius meets GFAS's rigorous and peer-reviewed equine care standards which are confirmed by a comprehensive site visit. The Accreditation status also provides a clear and trusted means for the public, donors, and granters to recognize Elegius Mini Equine Sanctuary as an excellent organization.

"We are very proud to announce GFAS Accreditation status for Elegius Mini Equine Sanctuary.," said Traci Hanson, GFAS Program Director - Equine, "The team at Elegius provides quality care for abused, abandoned, and/or neglected miniature horses, donkeys, and ponies in need of specialized care. These horses are truly given a safe place to heal and live out their lives well cared for and loved."

Koressa Malcolm, Elegius Mini Equine Sanctuary states, "We are so very proud of our volunteers, employees, directors, donors, adopters and supporters for all of the work and love they have put into making the Elegius Mini Equine Sanctuary a safe and nurturing place for the mini equines who have come to us needing care. To have these efforts recognized by the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries is a testament to the power of what they have accomplished."

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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. For more information on GFAS, go to: www.sanctuaryfederation.org.

About Elegius Mini Equine Sanctuary

The Elegius Mini Equine Sanctuary is a 501(c) 3 agency dedicated to the care and rehabilitation of unwanted, abused, and/or neglected miniature horses, donkeys and mules. We specialize in caring for equines who suffer from medical or behavioral difficulties which make them difficult to place in adoptive homes. These equines are provided with



needed medical care and training activities in the hopes that they can be rehabilitated. We provide a permanent home for those equines who may not be adoptable due to their ages, medical needs or dispositions. We find adoptive homes for those who are healthy and well behaved. To learn more about Elegius Mini Equine Sanctuary, go to: <https://www.elegiusminiequinesanctuary.org/>