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Sanctuary Horses is the First Equine Sanctuary to Become GFAS Accredited in Wyoming



January 28, 2025 (Pinedale, WY) – The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the only globally recognized organization providing standards for identifying legitimate animal sanctuaries, awarded Accreditation status to Sanctuary Horses as of January 25, 2025.

Sanctuary Horses achieved GFAS Accreditation, meeting criteria for providing humane and responsible care to equines. With dedication and commitment to demonstrating high levels of professionalism, Sanctuary Horses has achieved GFAS Accreditation. This certification signifies that Sanctuary Horses 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 Sanctuary Horses as an excellent organization.

"We are very proud to announce GFAS Accreditation status for Sanctuary Horses.," said Traci Hanson, GFAS Program Director - Equine, "The team at Sanctuary Horses provides quality care for equines coming from a variety of horrible situations. These horses are truly given a new life filled with love for the remainder of their lives. Sanctuary Horses is also committed to educating the public on the importance of caring for horses and preventing animal cruelty."

Jackie Hillen, Executive Director, Sanctuary Horses states, "For Sanctuary Horses, GFAS Accreditation means we're meeting the highest standards of care and ethics for the horses we rescue. It shows our community and supporters that we're dedicated to providing a safe and loving environment for every horse here. This recognition helps us build trust, grow partnerships, and secure the resources we need to continue our mission of rescuing and caring for equines in need."

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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 Sanctuary Horses

Sanctuary Horses is a nonprofit organization dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating, and providing lifelong care for abused, abandoned, and neglected equines. Located in Sublette County, Wyoming, our mission is to offer a safe haven where horses can heal, thrive, and live out their lives with dignity. Beyond rescue, we aim to foster meaningful connections between horses and humans through education, community engagement, and equine-assisted programs. Sanctuary Horses is committed to upholding the highest standards of care, transparency, and stewardship to ensure a lasting impact for the horses we serve and the communities we inspire. To learn more about Sanctuary Horses, check out: <https://www.sanctuaryhorses.org/about>