

GLOBAL FEDERATION OF ANIMAL SANCTUARIES

ANNUAL REPORT

2024



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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends, Partners, and Supporters,

I am honored to present the Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries' 2024 Annual Report. This past year has been another testament to the strength, dedication, and shared commitment of our global network to provide the highest standards of care and safety for animals. Throughout 2024, GFAS continued to strengthen its core mission by accrediting new sanctuaries, delivering critical resources, and advocating for ethical animal care worldwide. These efforts have made a meaningful difference in the lives of countless animals and have elevated the standards for sanctuaries around the globe.

We are especially proud to recognize five of our 210 sanctuaries that have demonstrated exceptional excellence in animal welfare, sustainability, and community engagement. The 2024 Carole Noon Award for Sanctuary Excellence and the GFAS Outstanding Sanctuary Awards have highlighted those who continue to lead by example in advancing humane and ethical animal care practices. Their work inspires us all and reminds us why we do what we do.



**VALERIE
TAYLOR**

Executive Director, GFAS

None of our achievements would have been possible without your unwavering support. Whether you are a donor, partner, or advocate, your belief in our mission has empowered us to build a better future for animals. Thank you for standing with us as we continue to raise the bar for animal sanctuaries everywhere. Together, we can make even greater strides in the year ahead.

With Gratitude,

Valerie Taylor

Executive Director

Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries

Our Mission:

To accredit and recognize sanctuaries and rescue centers, support them to achieve the highest Standards of Excellence, promote collaboration, and raise awareness of their work.



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THANK YOU!

GFAS is extremely grateful for our volunteers and partners who help us to conduct our accreditation program and related services. Our volunteers serve in diverse roles, participating on our Accreditation and Award Committees; conducting site visits to sanctuaries; assisting with data collection; and enhancing marketing, communications and fundraising efforts. This generous contribution of time, dedication, and expertise is incredible and greatly appreciated!

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

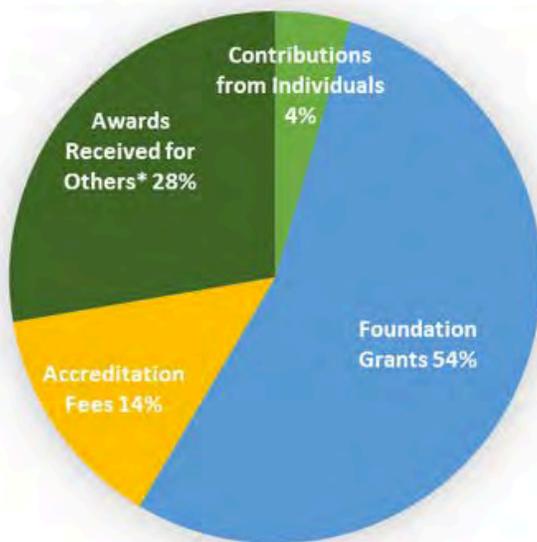
For year ending December 31, 2024. Access our most recent, complete audited financials on the GFAS website: <https://sanctuaryfederation.org/about-gfas/financials/>

THANK YOU TO OUR 2024 FOUNDATION AND ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORTERS

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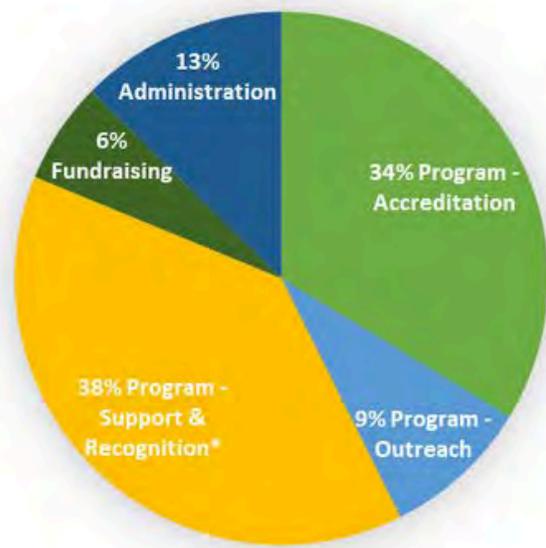
Humane Society of the United States
International Fund for Animal Welfare
Park Foundation
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Tangram Insurance
Tigers in America
William and Charlotte Parks Foundation

* 2024 REVENUE



*Awards received for others includes funds received by GFAS as contributions to be distributed to designated sanctuaries consistent with the funder's intent.

* 2024 EXPENSES



*Including \$161,803 in prize funds and support raised and distributed to sanctuaries as a part of the annual Giving Day for Apes event.

ACCREDITATION

Congratulations to our newly Accredited and Verified organizations in 2024:

- Therapeutic Horses of Saratoga, Inc., New York, U.S.
- Animal Place, California, U.S.
- Rustic Acres Wildcat Reserve - RAWR, Rhode Island, U.S.
- What If Farms, Florida, U.S.
- Born Free Foundation Big Cat Sanctuary at Shamwari Private Game Reserve, South Africa
- Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue - East, Virginia, U.S.
- Ngamba Island Chimpanzee Sanctuary, Uganda, Africa
- Elegius Mini Equine Sanctuary, Virginia, U.S.
- Harmony Farm Sanctuary, Oregon, U.S.
- Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue - West, Arizona, U.S.
- Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation-YOI Ocala, Florida, U.S.
- Diamonds in the Rough Rescue, Virginia, U.S.



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2024 Accreditation Snapshot



13 NEW GFAS CERTIFICATIONS

Newly accredited and verified organizations



36 RENEWALS

Renewal of accredited and verified status



90 NEW APPLICATIONS

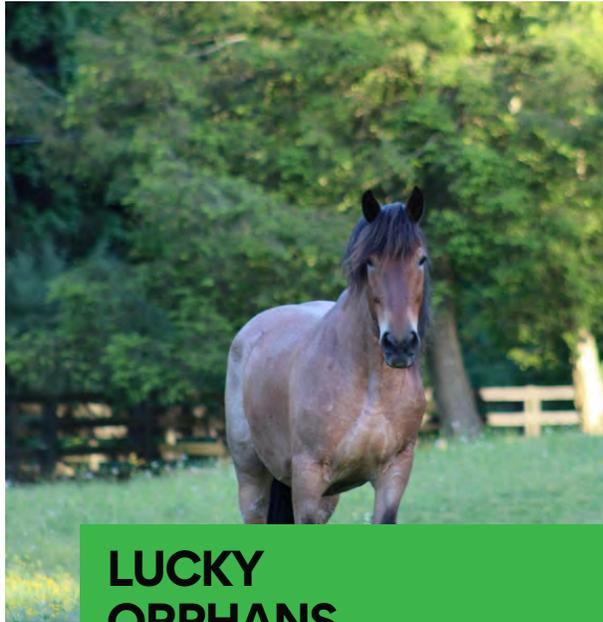
Number of new applications initiated from sanctuaries and rescue centers



57 SITE VISITS

Site visits conducted in North America, the U.K., Africa, Asia, and Central and South America.

SANCTUARY HIGHLIGHTS

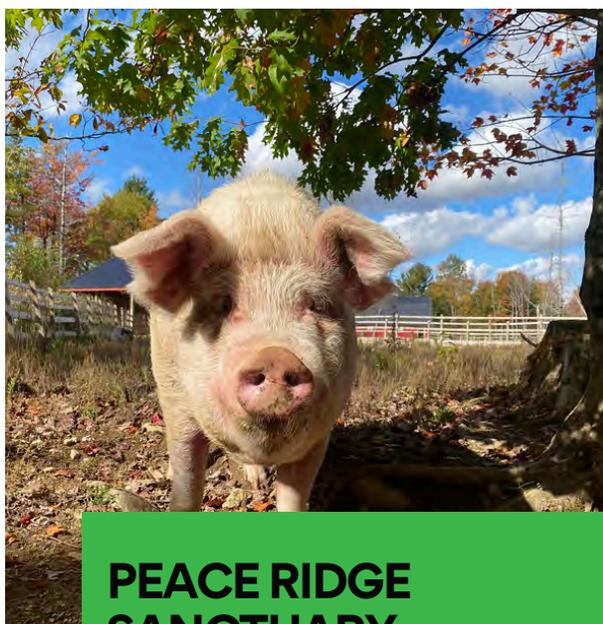


LUCKY ORPHANS HORSE RESCUE

New York, U.S.

Lucky Orphans was established in 2008 and has been a safe haven for rescued horses that in turn provide education and equine assisted programs to the community.

As a sanctuary, Lucky Orphans provides a safe, forever home for their herd. Animal residents participate in equine education and therapy programs. These programs are essential to creating an environment within the community that is kind and caring towards all beings.



PEACE RIDGE SANCTUARY

Maine, U.S.

With four locations and big plans for a location dedicated to education and outreach that will share their compassionate ethics grounded in animal rights, everything that Peace Ridge does is centered on the animals. As the only shelter and sanctuary in Maine that can accommodate large scale seizures, the sanctuary has been integral to law enforcement being able to enforce animal cruelty laws in their state.

SANCTUARY HIGHLIGHTS



WOLF HAVEN INTERNATIONAL

Washington, U.S.

The only wolf sanctuary accredited by GFAS, Wolf Haven works to make a significant difference in the efforts to save endangered species. The sanctuary participates in the “Saving Animals From Extinction” (SAFE) programs for American and Mexican wolves. These programs manage endangered species in captivity and their conservation efforts in the wild. Meticulous planning goes into preparing animals for successful release, underscoring the sanctuary’s commitment to species recovery.



WILD FUTURES

Cornwall, U.K.

With 60 years of expertise rescuing and caring for victims of the monkey pet trade, Wild Futures is extremely skilled at caring for each monkey’s special needs and delivering an educational message to sanctuary visitors about the plight of primates-in-need.

Wild Futures is a strong advocate and a leading force, supporting legislation to ban the private keeping of primates and advocating for primates suffering in private possession in the U.K.

OTHER PROGRAM NEWS

2024 CAROLE NOON AWARD

The 2024 Carole Noon Award for Sanctuary Excellence was awarded to Dr. Indra Lahiri, Executive Director of Indraloka Animal Sanctuary in Pennsylvania. Under Dr. Lahiri's leadership, the sanctuary has rescued over 2,500 animals and established initiatives that have significantly influenced the field of animal rescue and sanctuary management.

Indraloka focuses on not only healing the nonhuman animals rescued, but healing humans along with them; the sanctuary has numerous programs to help underserved youth, help mental health professionals cope, and provide a trauma-informed healing space for those who need it. Perhaps furthest reaching has been Dr. Lahiri's support for other farm sanctuaries, through her work establishing the Global Coalition of Farm Sanctuaries, a network that connects and supports farm sanctuary operators.



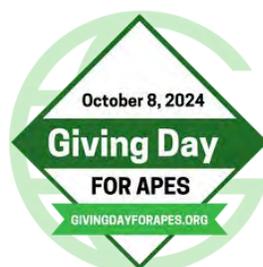
EVENTS

GFAS actively works to represent true sanctuaries within animal welfare, protection, and advocacy spaces. In 2024, GFAS attended and presented at several conferences and events, including: the Big Cat Sanctuary Alliance Conference; The Homes for Horses Coalition Conference; and the Animals and Vegan Advocacy Summit.

GIVING DAY FOR APES

GFAS presented the 11th annual Giving Day for Apes, a day to support sanctuaries and rescue centers throughout Asia, Africa, and North America that care for chimpanzees, gorillas, orangutans, bonobos, and gibbons.

Giving Day for Apes is a project of GFAS, in collaboration with supporters including Arcus Foundation, American Anti-Vivisection Society, David Bohnett Foundation, Tangram Insurance, and the Pan African Sanctuary Alliance (PASA). The 2024 event saw 37 organizations participating to raise funds. Over \$740,000 was raised and awarded!



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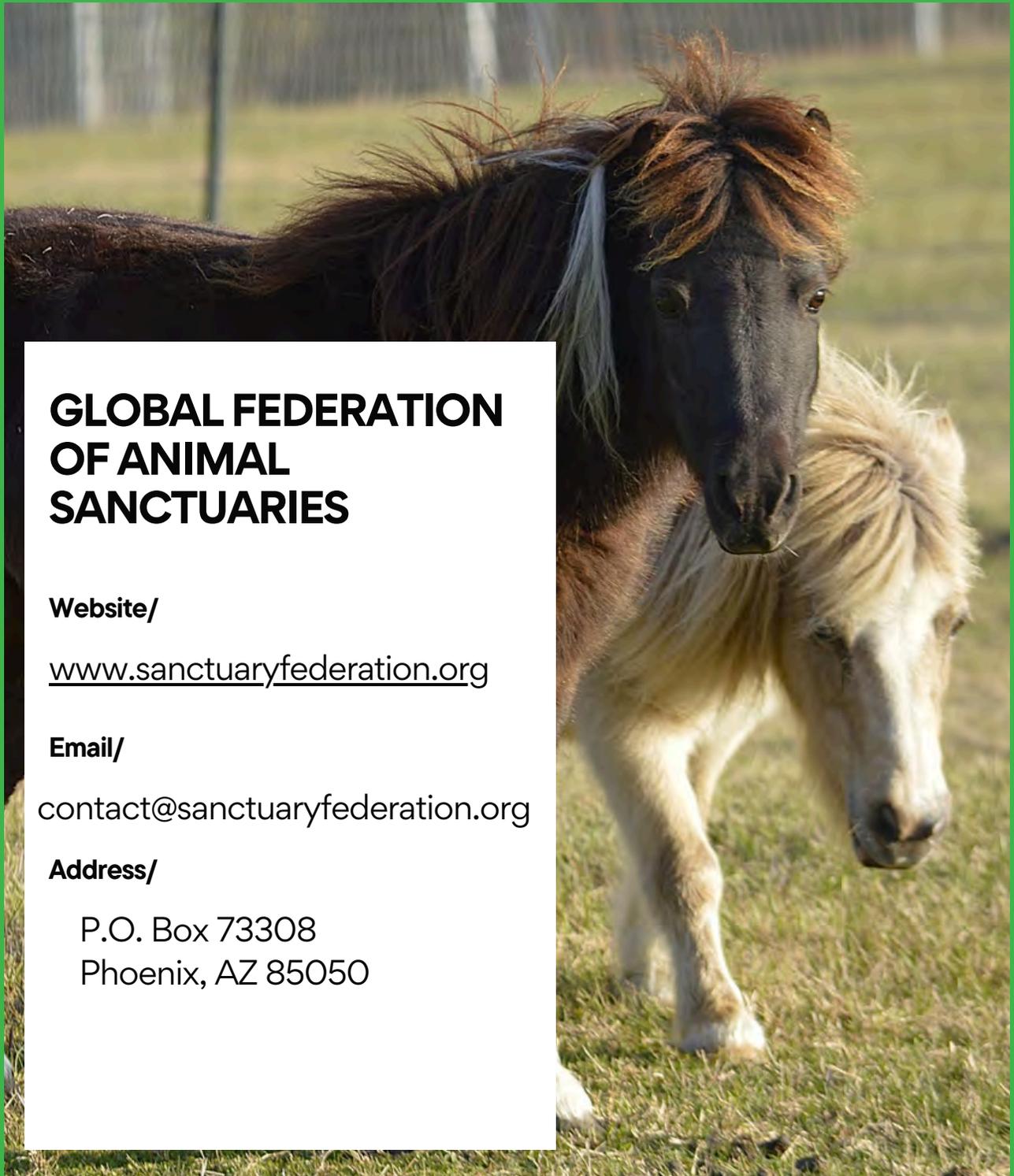


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